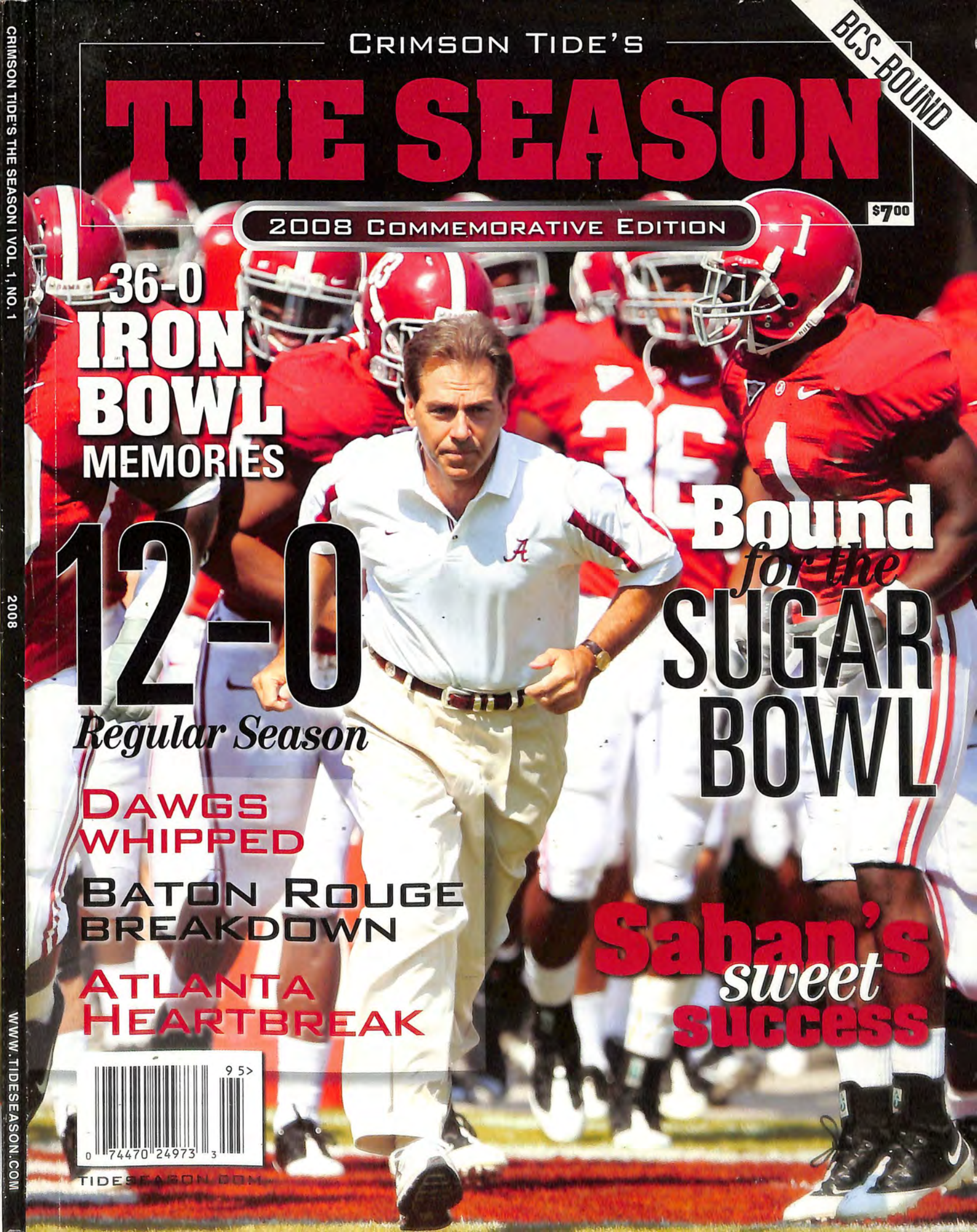
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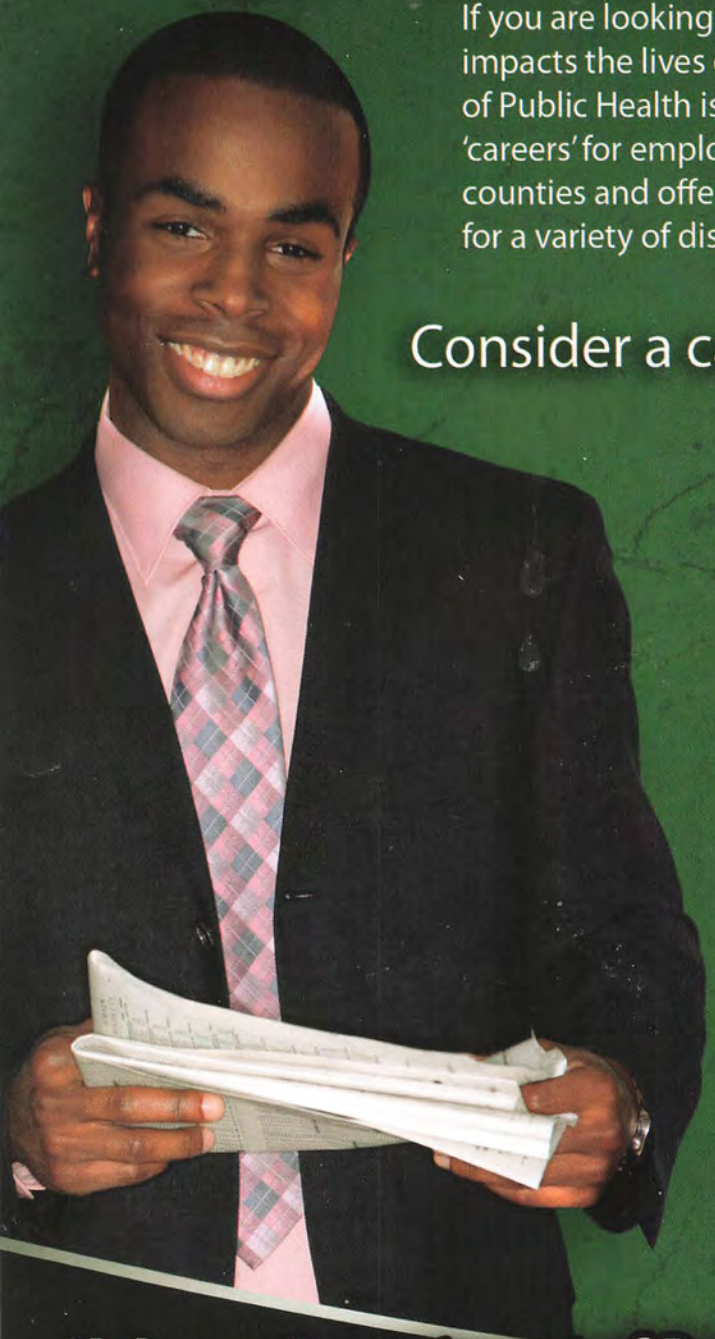

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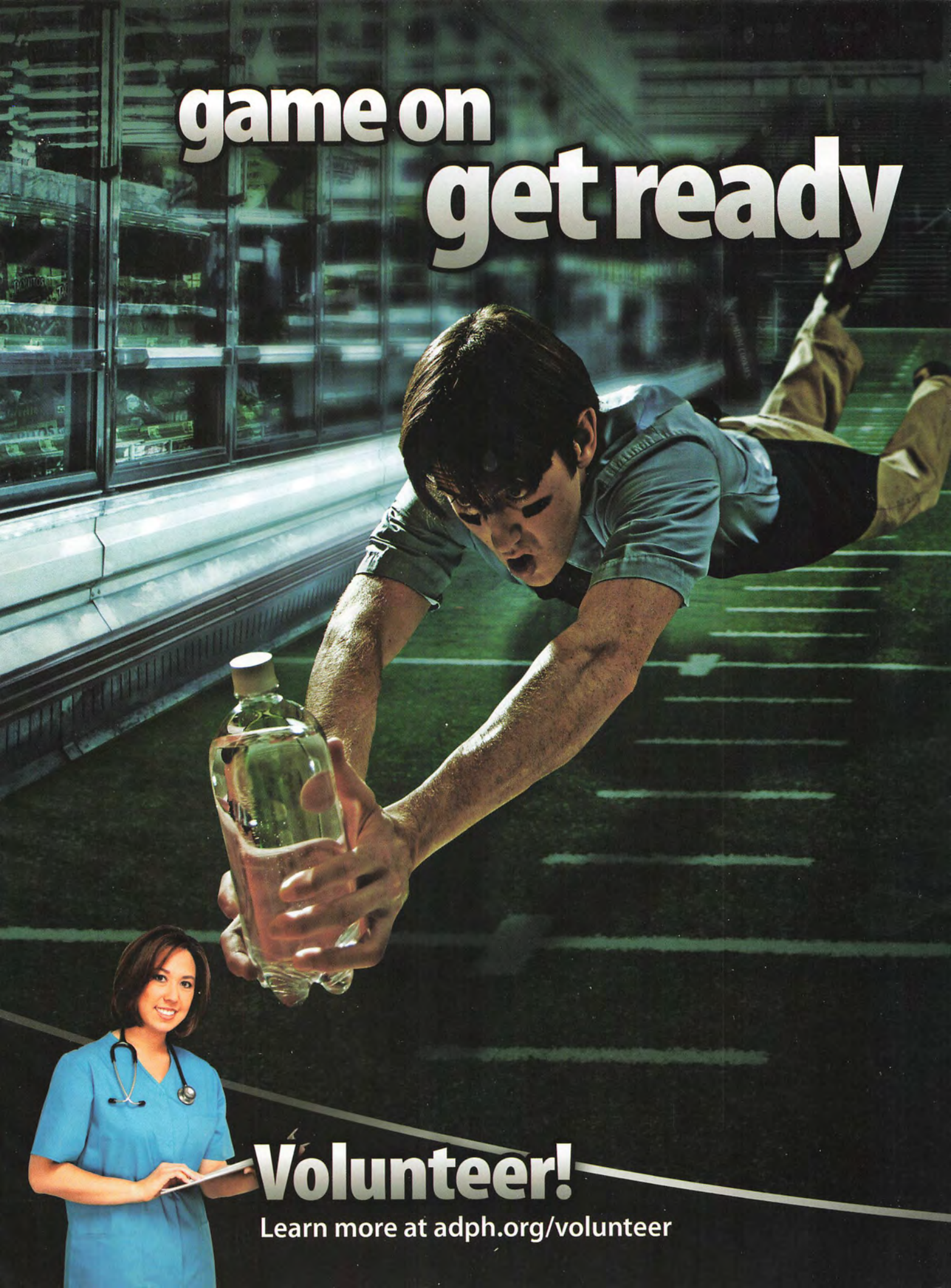
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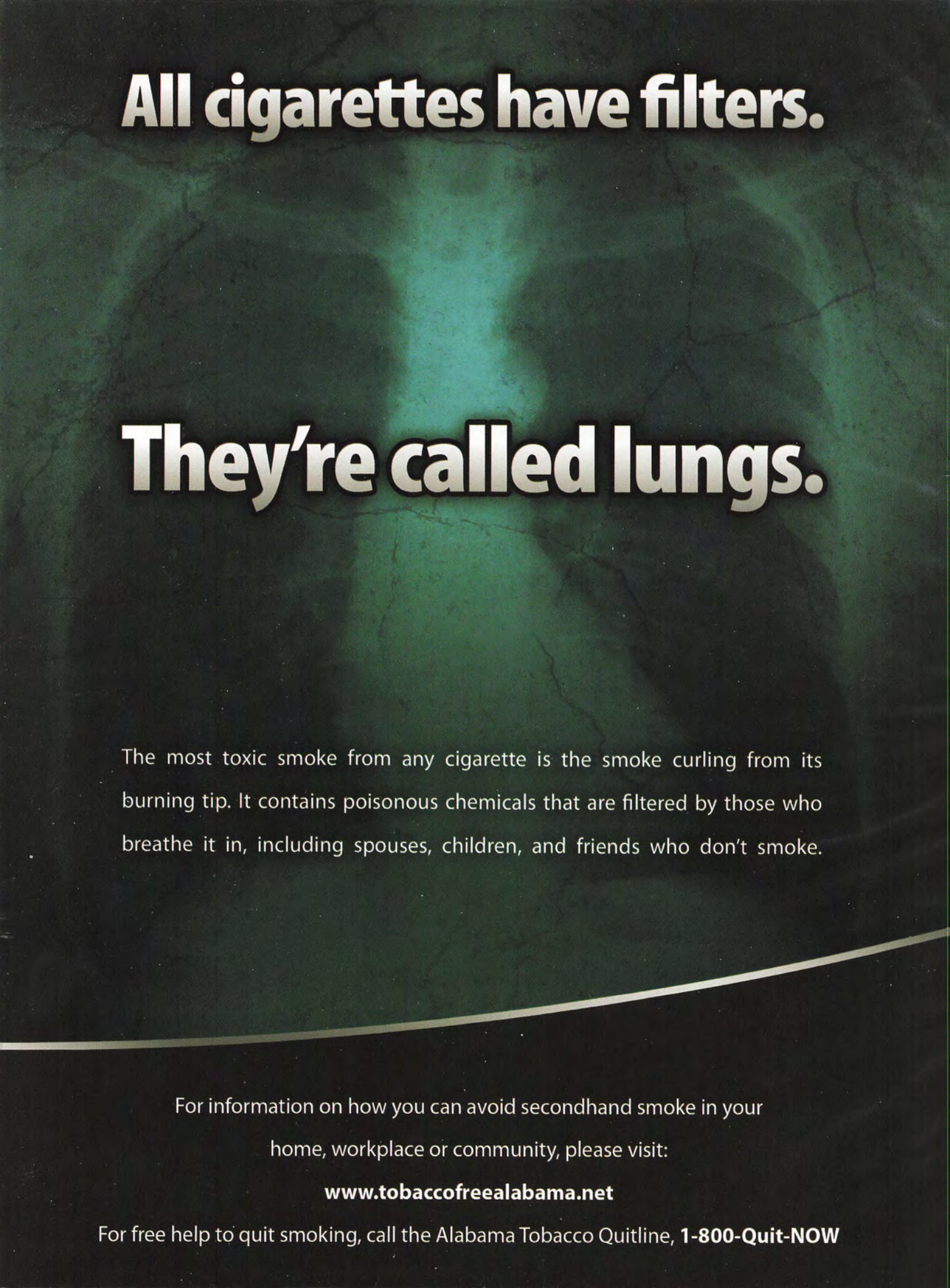
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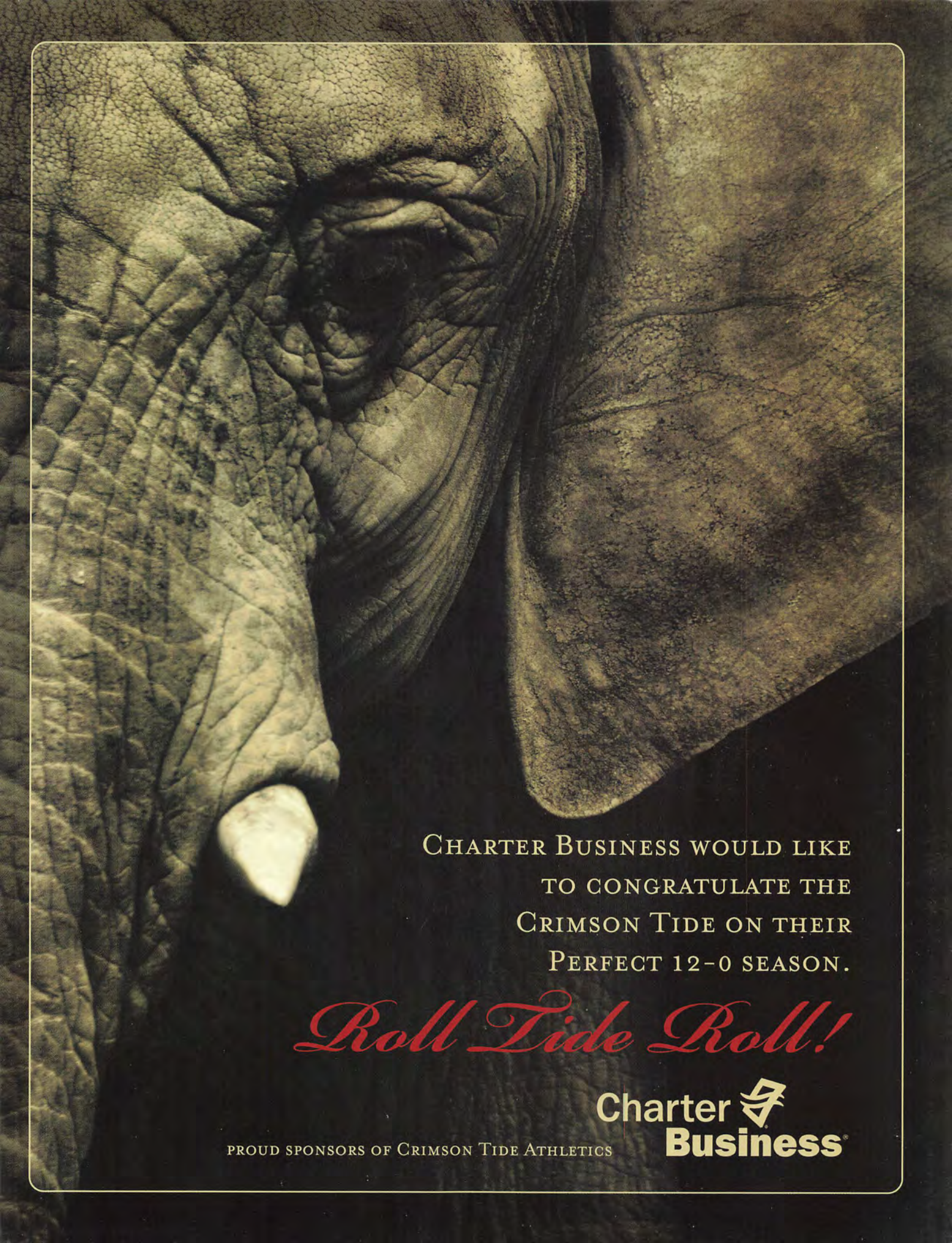
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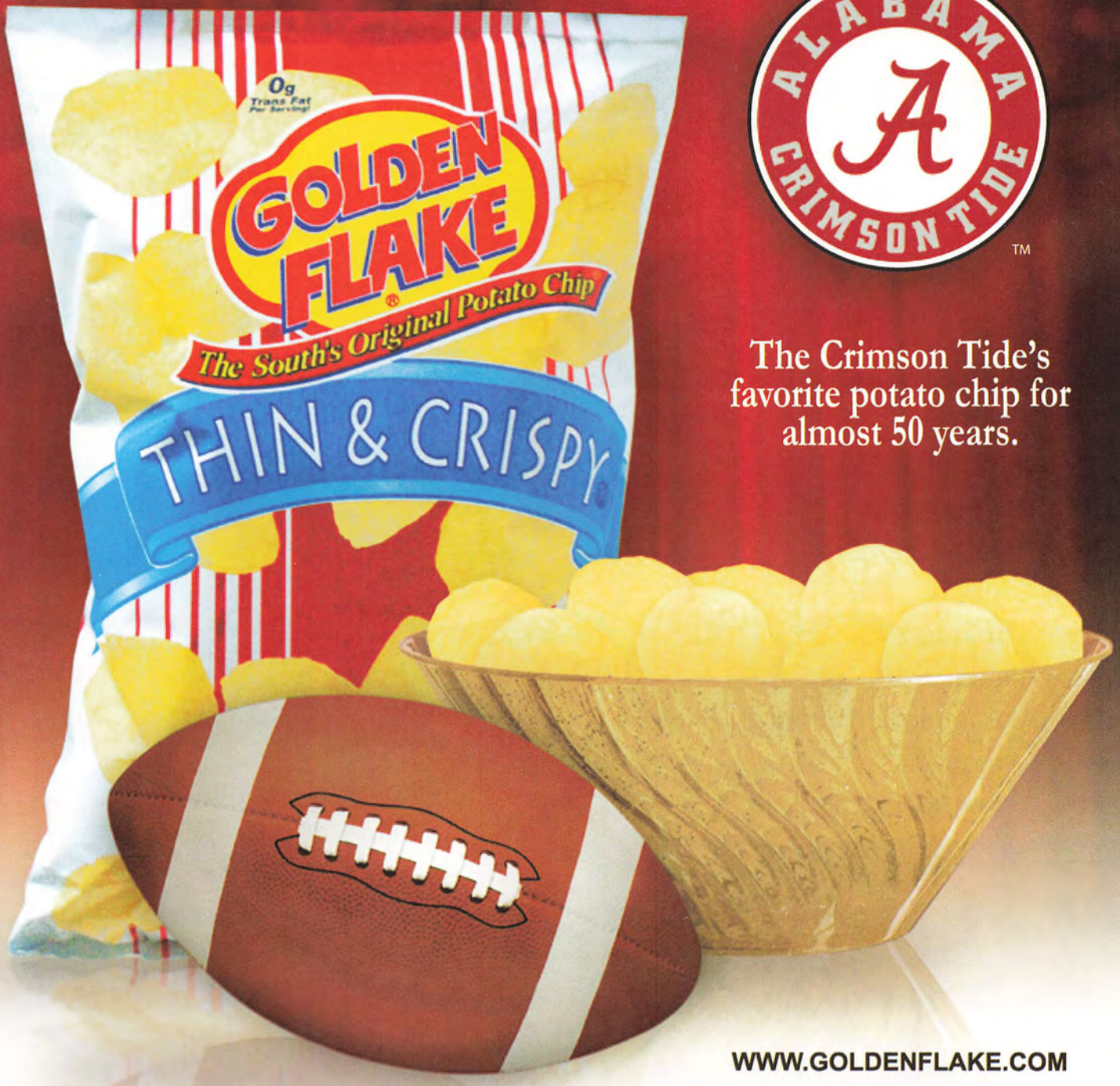

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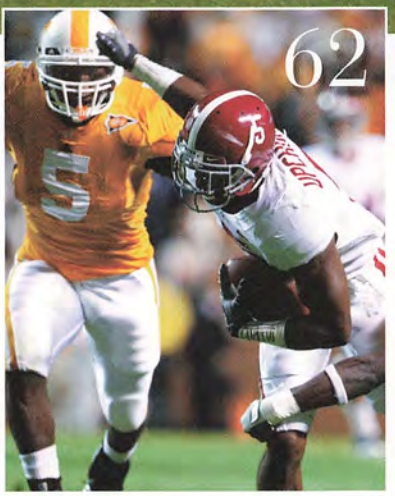

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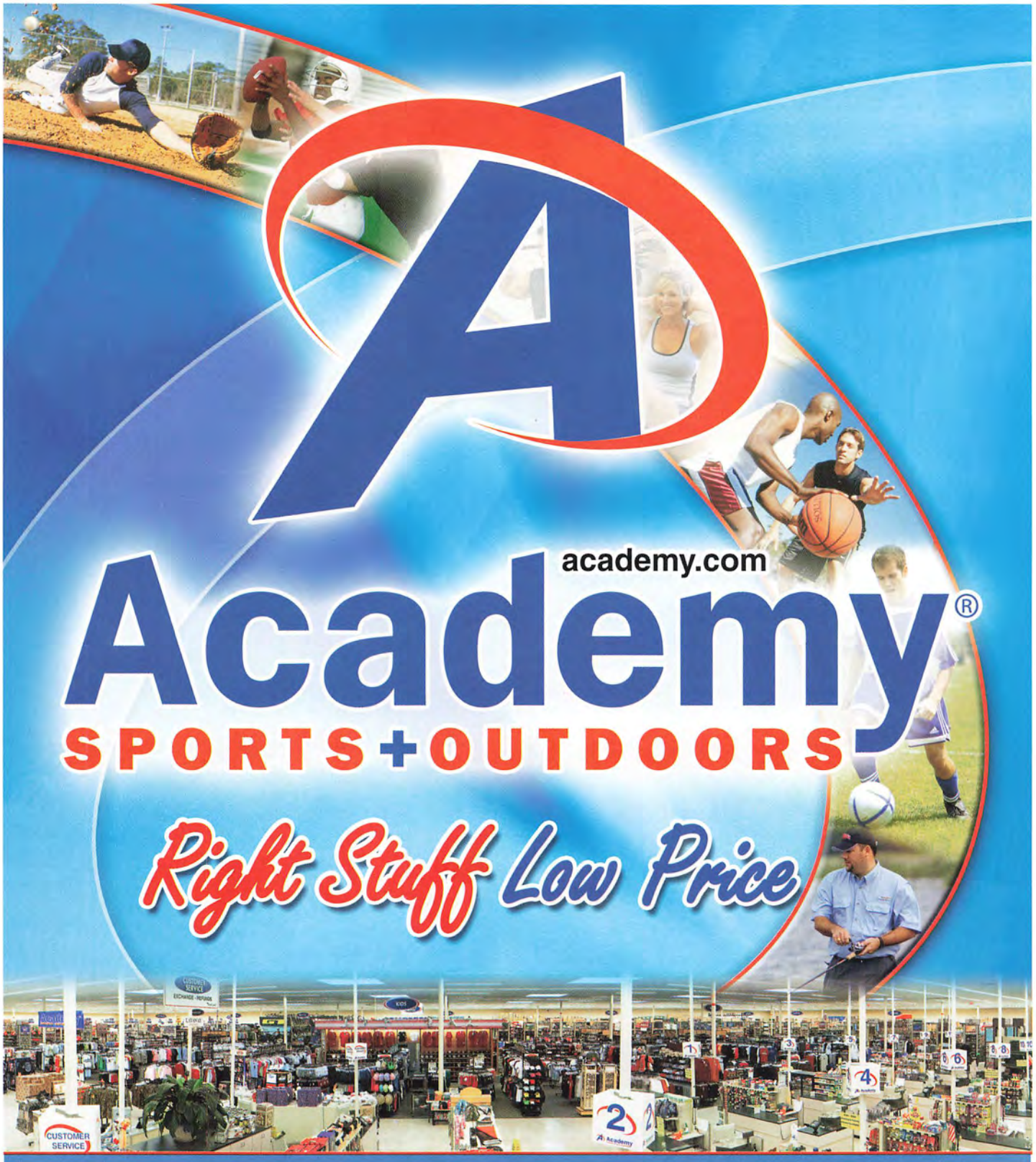

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4	Marquis Maze	Wide Receiver	RS FR
5	Roy Upchurch	Running Back	JR
5	Jerrell Harris	Linebacker	FR
6	Demetrius Goode	Running Back	FR
7	Will Oakley	Wide Receiver	R
8	Chris Rogers	Defensive Back	JR
8	Julio Jones	Wide Receiver	FR
9	Nikita Stover	Wide Receiver	SR
10	Morgan Ogilvie	Quarterback	FR
11	Brandon Gibson	Wide Receiver	FR
12	Greg McElroy	Quarterback	SO
13	Cory Reamer	Linebacker	JR
13	Robert Ezell	Quarterback	FR
14	John Parker Wilson	Quarterback	SR
15	Darius Hanks	Wide Receiver	SO
15	Alonzo Lawrence	Defensive Back	FR
16	Thomas Darrah	Quarterback	FR
17	Brad Smelley	Tight End	FR
19	Chris Jackson	Wide Receiver	FR
20	Tyrone King	Defensive Back	JR
21	Prince Hall	Linebacker	JR
22	Mark Ingram	Running Back	FR
23	Robby Green	Defensive Back	FR
24	Marquis Johnson	Defensive Back	JR
25	Rolando McClain	Linebacker	SO
26	Ali Sharrief	Defensive Back	JR
27	Justin Woodall	Defensive Back	JR
28	Javier Arenas	Defensive Back	JR
29	Terry Grant	Running Back	SO
30	Dont'a Hightower	Linebacker	FR
31	Ivan Matchett	Running Back	FR
32	Eryk Anders	Linebacker	JR
33	Hampton Gray	Defensive Back	SO
34	Jeramie Griffin	Running Back	FR
35	Charlie Kirschman	Linebacker	SO
36	Chris Jordan	Linebacker	FR
37	Robert Lester	Defensive Back	FR
38	Glen Coffee	Running Back	JR
39	Kyle Pennington	Wide Receiver	FR
40	Baron Huber	Running Back	JR
41	Courtney Upshaw	Linebacker	FR
42	Jennings Hester	Linebacker	FR
43	A.J. Walker	Wide Receiver	FR
44	Corey Smith	Kicker/Punter	FR
45	Sam Snider	Punter/Wide Receiver	FR
45	Charlie Higgenbotham	Linebacker	SO
46	Wesley Neighbors	Defensive Back	FR
48	Travis Sikes	Wide Receiver	SO
49	Rashad Johnson	Defensive Back	SR
50	Brian Selman	Snapper	JR
51	Michael DeJohn	Linebacker	FR
52	Alfred McCullough	Defensive Line	SO
53	Daren Hallman	Special Teams	FR
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57	Marcell Dareus	Defensive Line	FR
57	Brad Pounds	Defensive Line	SR
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59	Antoine Caldwell	Offensive Line	SR
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74	David Ross	Offensive Line	SO
75	Barrett Jones	Offensive Line	FR
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80	Mike McCoy	Wide Receiver	JR
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84	Colin Peek	Tight End	JR
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86	Chris Scott	Wide Receiver	SO
87	Drew Bullard	Linebacker	RS FR
87	Chris Underwood	Tight End	FR
88	Nick Walker	Tight End	SR
89	Michael Williams	Tight End/Defensive End	FR
90	Milton Talbert	Defensive Line	SO
91	Alex Watkins	Linebacker	FR
92	Damion Square	Defensive Line	FR
93	Bobby Greenwood	Defensive Line	SR
94	Undra Billingsley	Defensive Line	FR
95	Colin Gallagher	Kicker	RS FR
95	Brandon Deaderick	Defensive Line	JR
96	Luther Davis	Defensive Line	SO
97	Lorenzo Washington	Defensive Line	JR
97	P.J. Fitzgerald	Punter	JR
98	Heath Thomas	Punter	JR
98	Brandon Fanney	Linebacker/Offensive Line	JR
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99	Leigh Tiffin	Kicker	JR

A SEASON TO REMEMBER

The Tide's record this year is exceptional both in the SEC and Alabama football history

KENT GIDLEY

A group of mostly seniors, basking in the team's No. 1 ranking, pose for a photograph after the Iron Bowl victory. From top left are Drew Davis (79) Antoine Caldwell (59), Mike Johnson (78), John Parker Wilson (14), Bobby Greenwood (93), Nikita Stover and Preston Dial. From bottom left are Cory Reamer (13), Rashad Johnson (49), Baron Huber (40) and Will Oakley.

BY JOHNNY KAMPIS

From defying all expectations at the beginning of the season by taking down preseason No. 9 Clemson and No. 1 Georgia to thrashing Auburn 36-0 to end a six-game losing streak to the in-state rival, the Alabama football team showed that in 2008 it was ready to meet almost any challenge.

Despite the Tide's heartbreaking loss in the SEC Championship game 31-20 to Florida, this has been a season for the ages. Alabama still has the opportunity to go 13-1 by defeating Utah in the Sugar Bowl, which would be only the second 13-win season in team history.

The other, of course, was the 1992 team, which beat Miami 34-13 in the Sugar Bowl to go 13-0 and win the Crimson Tide's 12th national championship.

The 2008 team is the first in school history to go 12-0 in the regular season. It is the 16th team in Alabama history to go undefeated in the regular season, and most of those teams played a 10- or 11-regular game season.

The 12-0 regular season by the Tide was not only the first in school history, but the first in SEC history. Teams only began playing 12 regular season games each year recently and the last two SEC national champions — Florida in 2006 and LSU in 2007 — both had blemishes on their regular season records.

A LITTLE MAGIC

The undefeated regular season was magical for the Tide in several ways. The team spent five weeks as the No. 1 team in the land until the loss to Florida. It also manhandled many of its foes in the first half, putting many games out of reach by halftime. During the regular season, the Tide outscored its opponents 123-20 in the first quarter and 111-27 in the second quarter, for a first-half advantage of 234-47. The Crimson Tide never trailed at halftime during its 12-0 run and was only behind for 23 minutes and 11 seconds during that run. The >>

team led the entire game or was never behind 10 times this season.

The 1979 Bama team was voted the greatest SEC team of all time by customers of AT&T, which presented a trophy to Don McNeal, a defensive back on that team, at the SEC Fanfare in the Georgia Dome the day before the SEC Championship game. The 1992 team was the runner-up for that prize. Even though the 2008 version did not finish the year undefeated, some compare this year's team favorably to those in the Crimson Tide's history.

THE 1992 SQUAD

Ken Gaddy, director of the Paul W. Bryant Museum, said the 2008 team most reminds him of that 1992 squad.

"The obvious comparison to me is to the 1992 team — very strong defense, strong kicking game, dominant on the ground on offense, and pass when they need it, enough of a passing balance to keep teams honest," he said.

Even though this year's team couldn't win the national championship, the 12-0 regular season was enough to make Alabama fans happy, according to Gaddy.

"I've heard from people that just beating Auburn and the season we've had so far is enough for a lot of people. Anything else is icing on the cake. To get to this point this fast, that big a turnaround is already considered a success in a lot of people's minds," he said. "I think the fans in particular have enjoyed the victory over Auburn. It wasn't just a one-point victory or a 10-point victory. It was decisive, a shutout and it also helped us in the national polls to have a rivalry game come out 36-0."

At the very least this team is likely to be remembered as the one that turned the program around after years of mixed success.

"Even though as it turned out Alabama didn't have the SEC championship team I think everybody recognizes that Alabama is probably the most powerful team in the SEC," said Kirk McNair, editor of Bama magazine and former sports information director under Bryant. "I think Nick Saban really nailed it when he said this team, and particularly the nine scholarship seniors, will be remembered for being the people that started Alabama on the road back." RT

TIDE PERFECT REGULAR SEASONS

Including this year, Alabama has gone undefeated 16 times in the regular season in its history. The following list those teams and their postseason results.

Year	Record	Bowl result
1897	1-0	No bowl
1925	9-0	Alabama 20 Washington 19 (Rose), National Champions
1926	9-0	Alabama 7 Stanford 7 (Rose), National Champions
1930	9-0	Alabama 24 Washington State 0 (Rose), National Champions
1934	9-0	Alabama 29 Stanford 13 (Rose), National Champions
1937	9-0	California 13 Alabama 0 (Rose)
1945	9-0	Alabama 34 USC 14 (Rose)
1961	10-0	Alabama 10 Arkansas 3 (Sugar), National Champions
1964	10-0	Texas 21 Alabama 17 (Orange), National Champions
1966	10-0	Alabama 34 Nebraska 7 (Sugar)
1971	11-0	Nebraska 38 Alabama 6 (Orange)
1973	11-0	Notre Dame 24 Alabama 23 (Sugar), National Champions
1974	11-0	Notre Dame 13 Alabama 11 (Sugar)
1979	11-0	Alabama 24 Arkansas 9 (Sugar)
1992	11-0	Alabama 34 Miami 13 (Sugar), National Champions
2008	12-0	Jan. 2 against Utah in the Sugar Bowl

Gene Stallings coached the Tide's 1992 team to a national championship. Ken Gaddy, director of the Paul W. Bryant Museum, said the 2008 team most reminds him of that 1992 squad, playing above.

TURNING THE TIDE

Nick Saban's arrival at Alabama has returned the Tide to national prominence

KENT GIDLEY

Nick Saban coaches his squad during the A-Day game in April 2008. Alabama enjoyed a No. 1 ranking for part of the 2008 season. Saban, who arrived at the Capstone just two years ago, was named this season as SEC Coach of the Year by The Associated Press and national Coach of the Year in ESPN's College Football show.

BY JOHNNY KAMPIS

In the Paul W. Bryant Museum on the University of Alabama campus you'll find no shortage of football jerseys, landmark game footballs and championship trophies that mark the history of the storied Crimson Tide program.

Where recently rested the trophy that the 1992 team captured for winning the Sugar Bowl and a national championship is a display about current head coach Nick Saban. The championship trophy is still in the museum, tucked into a display nearby, and one wonders if soon another trophy will take its place in the Saban display.

Saban greatly exceeded expectations this year after a 7-6 season in his first year on the Capstone. Prognosticators picked Alabama to finish in the middle of the pack in the SEC with four or five losses. Preseason they were ranked 24th. Instead, Alabama used a hard-nosed running attack and ferocious defense to pound opponents into submission and make >>

CORY JOHNSON

Part of Saban's success has been attributed to his ability to recruit. He found a junior college treasure in bringing defensive lineman Terrence Cody to the team. Here, he greets Cody on the field during the 2008 Iron Bowl.

it through the regular season 12-0.

Now after a loss to Florida in the SEC Championship, the Crimson Tide waits on a date with undefeated Utah in the Sugar Bowl. Meanwhile, Saban was presented with the Home Depot Coach of the Year Award as part of ESPN's College Football Awards show and was named the SEC Coach of the Year by the Associated Press. The Tide's jump from seven wins in 2007 to 12 in 2008 was the biggest by an Alabama coach in his second year in the program's history.

TURNING THINGS AROUND

How was he able to turn things around so quickly?

For one, Saban landed what most considered the No. 1 recruiting class between the 2007 and 2008 seasons, and a handful of freshmen made an immediate impact on the 2008 season. Julio Jones, from Foley, was the Tide's top receiver in 2008 with 51 receptions for 847 yards and four touchdowns while Mark Ingram, from Flint, Mich., was a battering ram at running back in relieving Glen Coffee. He gained 702 yards on 135 attempts with 12 touchdowns.

Saban also found a junior college treasure when he signed Terrence Cody of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

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RECORDS FOR TIDE COACHES

Nick Saban has fared well in the early going as Crimson Tide head coach. Here is how he stacks up to others in the program's history.

Coach	Years	Overall Record	First 2 Years
D. V. Graves	1911-14	21-12-3	10-5-3
Thomas Kelley	1915-17	17-7-1	12-5
Xen Scott	1919-22	29-9-3	18-2
Wallace Wade	1923-30	61-13-3	15-3-1
Frank Thomas	1931-46	115-24-7	17-3
Harold "Red" Drew	1947-54	45-28-7	14-7-1
J.B. "Ears" Whitworth	1955-57	4-24-2	2-17-1
Paul W. "Bear" Bryant	1958-82	232-46-9	12-6-3
Ray Perkins	1983-86	32-15-1	13-10
Bill Curry	1987-89	26-10	16-8
Gene Stallings	1990-96	62-25	18-6
Mike Dubose	1997-2000	24-23	11-12
Dennis Franchione	2001-2002	17-8	17-8
Mike Shula	2003-2006	26-23	10-15
Nick Saban	2007-	19-7	19-7

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The 360-pound defensive lineman anchored the defense and is a big reason why the Tide's yards allowed rushing per game dropped from 124.1 in 2007 to 78.8 in 2008.

"As far as one guy who has changed our team more than any, you'd have to go with Terrence," said offensive lineman Mike Johnson.

A successful season like this one should only help recruiting again this off-season, according to Saban, and by all accounts the 2009 class looks to be another top-notch group.

"I think exposure affects recruiting as much as anything," he said. "Obviously when you do well, I think people recognize that you have a pretty good program and you develop players pretty well. Not only that, but we have a pretty good academic situation, here, in terms of graduation rates and seniors graduating now. All those factor into player development-type things to help people to be successful. We get an opportunity to show them because of some of the exposure that we get. I think all of that is important.

In the most recent graduation success rate report from the NCAA, Alabama led the SEC with 80 percent of its football players graduating, beating out Vanderbilt, which had a graduating success rate of 75 percent.

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

Saban, 57, is also known as a coach with great attention to detail, where no aspect of the program is unimportant or small. Senior quarterback John Parker Wilson said that has helped the team make the quick turnaround.

"I think every aspect of the program he pays close attention to and inputs a lot of time and effort into, whether it's guys going to class or doing what they need to do day in and day out," Wilson said. "I think everything is held to a high standard, whether it's even if we're playing Western Kentucky or we're playing LSU, it's the same every week. We know we're going to get the same attitude, the same intensity every week, so it's so consistent, it's easy for us to come in here and go to work every day."

Ken Gaddy, director of the Paul W. Bryant Museum, believes Saban has instilled a back to the basics approach with this football team, which is the key to the team's success.

"In a lot of ways football is a simple game — you block, you tackle — and as a lot of the coaches from Coach Bryant's era have said sometimes you play not to lose and that means no turnovers, no penalties, don't miss assignments, and in a way I think Coach Saban and his assistants' philosophy is the same thing," Gaddy said. "If you look at this team there are very few penalties. You don't see punt returns called back for blocking in the back, you don't see holding calls on runs, have illegal participation penalties. Those basic things we don't have those anymore. You take those penalties away and you have a much better football team."

STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING

Saban was also able to get the most production out of players he already had, according to Kirk McNair, publisher of Bama magazine.

"Alabama has always had good football players," McNair said. "There were some here that he didn't have to get. He didn't have to get Rashad Johnson and he didn't have to get Andre [Smith] and Antoine [Caldwell] and a quarterback."

It was also obvious to McNair that the Tide has a good strength and conditioning program. As the season progressed, many of Alabama's opponents had several players go down with injuries (look to the Clemson game as a prime example) while Alabama remained relatively unscathed.

"You rarely saw Alabama players get injured," McNair said. "This team is obviously in really good shape."

Saban's 19-7 record in his first two years compares favorably with other coaches in the Crimson Tide's illustrious history. That .731 winning percentage is better than the one posted by

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Saban's playbook and reading glasses lie on a chair in the locker room during the SEC championship in Atlanta. At right, Saban walks the sidelines during Alabama's game this season against Tennessee.

Paul W. "Bear" Bryant in his first two years (.667) and just slightly less than the mark made by Gene Stallings (.750) in his first two seasons at the Capstone.

Saban has shown improvement from his first year to second year before. At LSU he went 8-4 in 2000 and 10-3 in 2001. At Alabama he finished 7-6 last year and could go 13-1 if the Tide wins the Sugar Bowl. That would match the record posted by Florida head coach Urban Meyer in his second year in Gainesville where he improved from 9-3 in 2005 to 13-1 in 2006 with a national championship.

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Nick, wife, Terry, and their children, Nicholas and Kristen, pose for a photo at their home in Tuscaloosa. Nick and Terry operate a charity called Nick's Kids.

CHANGING THE CULTURE

Saban said that the first year at a school is often a transition year, with more success coming after the transition.

"You're trying to change a culture in terms of the way people do things. It's more difficult for the older players to probably adjust to and adapt to that, and those guys are probably the guys that provide quite a bit of leadership, and are looked to for leadership," he said. "I think the next year maybe the juniors sort of are more willing to buy in and make the change and change the culture, and provide the leadership that the coach would like. I think the longer you have the guys in the program, the more opportunity you have to get the choices made the way you want to make them."

With a cornucopia of coaching experience, Saban was able to bring to Tuscaloosa lessons he's learned along the way. He began his career as an assistant coach at West Virginia and his many stops have included head coaching stints at Michigan State and LSU in college and, most recently, head coach of the Miami Dolphins.

"All the times that I've been in pro football, you learn a tremendous amount about the game, because you spend more time just on football and just on evaluating personnel. Those are the only two things you do as a coach in professional football. Developing criteria, learning about a lot of different things offensively, defensively, and special teams and you're constantly learning and around people, and you've got good coaches, so you do learn a lot," Saban said.

Since their arrival in Tuscaloosa, Nick and wife, Terry, have assimilated themselves into the community. Son Nicholas, 21, takes classes at Shelton State college and works as a runner for a law office. Daughter Kristen, 17, is a cheerleader at Tuscaloosa Academy.

Nick and Terry operate a charity called Nick's Kids that has donated more than $300,000 to children's programs in the area. The Sabans also pledged $1 million to UA's scholarship fund for first-generation students. **RT**

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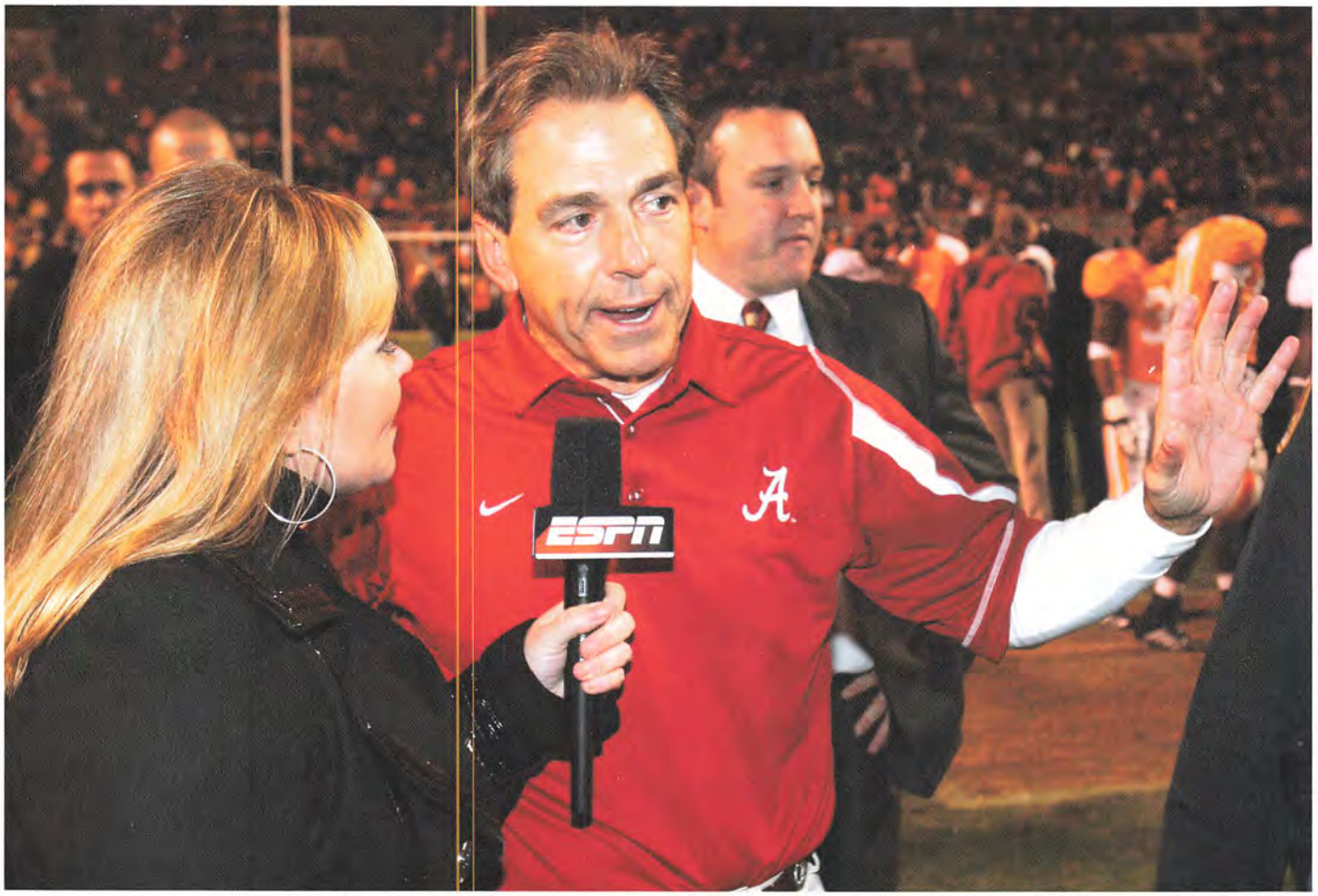
Saban greets one of his former players at LSU after the Tide's victory against the Tigers this season in Baton Rouge. At right, he talks with players in the locker room during the SEC championship in Atlanta.

Spotlight beams on Saban, UA



ESPN's Holly Rowe interviews Nick Saban after Alabama's victory over Tennessee.

KENT GIDLEY

National media coverage of Alabama's coach also benefits university

BY JOHNNY KAMPIS

Forbes. Sports Illustrated. Sporting News. These are among the nationally prominent publications that have featured Alabama Coach Nick Saban and the Crimson Tide football team on the cover. The hoopla surrounding Saban's hire and the almost immediate success he has enjoyed have brought a firestorm of media attention to the Tuscaloosa campus.

That may not be such a bad thing for the university as the increased attention benefits the university in areas such as fund-raising and growth, in addition to the obvious success of a 12-0 regular season. >>

Saban in September appeared on the cover of Forbes, becoming the first coach ever to appear on the cover in the magazine's 91-year history. The magazine called him the 'most powerful coach in sports.' Two months later, Saban and his team appeared on the cover and in a large spread in Sporting News.

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In a September cover story, Forbes printed that no coach could match Saban's combination of money, control and influence and proclaimed him "the most powerful coach in sports." This was the first time a college football coach had been on the cover of Forbes in the magazine's 91-year history. At the urging of Books-A-Million, which sold out copies at its stores in Alabama 10 minutes after they were placed on shelves, Forbes reprinted an extra 107,500 copies after its initial run of 90,000 copies for retail distribution.

More recently, in late November, Saban and the team were featured on the cover of Sporting News magazine, along with a spread inside in which a photographer followed Saban for five days.

The intense media spotlight began even before Saban's first game at the Capstone when Sports Illustrated put him on the cover in August 2007, calling him "tough enough to bring back the glory of the Bear."

If there was any doubt what impact Saban would have in fan interest that was quickly quelled when more than 92,138 fans showed up for the coach's first A-Day game in 2007. In an annual spring scrimmage that often saw Bryant-Denny Stadium about half full fans were turned away that year because there was no more room for spectators in the stadium.

But the impact of Saban, who has a $4 million yearly contract over eight years, may expand beyond the football program. Some have attributed his arrival to increased giving to the university, although some say that is hard to quantify.

The university has seen steadily increasing enrollment numbers and gift giving since President Robert Witt arrived on campus in March 2003. Enrollment has grown from 20,969 to 27,052 from fall 2004 to fall 2008 while the five-year capital campaign, announced in June 2004, surpassed the goal of $500 million raised in June of this year.

"Certainly, the success of the football program under Coach Saban creates additional positive exposure for the university, giving us increased opportunities to tell the UA story," said Deborah Lane, assistant vice president for University Relations.

"The excitement surrounding a national ranking results in more fans wanting more Bama merchandise to show their loyalty."

Witt has also hinted that Saban deserves some credit for the recent boom at the university. "Having a coach of his caliber makes it easier to recruit better students and raise more money," Witt told Forbes.

Pat Whetstone, director of alumni affairs for the university, said gift giving to the National Alumni Association hasn't been up recently, which is likely due to the slumping economy, but he can definitely see more optimism among alumni about the football program with Saban at the helm.

"There's been tremendous excitement at his being hired here. People seem to understand right away that he was a great coach and that he was going to do it the right way and bring the Crimson Tide back. That's been proven out this year," Whetstone said.

Sports Illustrated featured Saban on the cover in August 2007, calling him "tough enough to bring back the glory of the Bear." That was followed up by a cover of the team in September 2008.

Huge crowds turned out to listen to Saban speak at Crimson Caravan meetings held this spring and eight more sessions are planned for next April and May in places such as Birmingham, Montgomery, Atlanta and Memphis. This joint program between the alumni association and the athletic department has been a popular success, Whetstone said.

"I believe this is the most a coach has done as far as getting out to meet with the fans since Coach [Gene] Stallings arrived. So we're grateful for Coach Saban. I think he likes it and he always does a great job when he speaks to them," he said.

The increased interest in and success of the football team is also impacting specialty UA license plate sales. Whetstone said revenue from the tags has increased from about $2.4 million to $3.1 million in the last two years. The tags cost $50 and nearly all of that money goes toward scholarship programs at the university. "Those things are going like hotcakes," Whetstone said.

Whetstone and others boarded a plane and spent the SEC Championship game in New York where they watched the telecast with close to 1,000 Alabama alumni and fans, greater numbers for gatherings among that group in the Big Apple than has been seen in years.

"It's a great time to be an alumnus of the university or a fan of the university," Whetstone said. "There's a great feeling toward the university. It's impacting student recruitment, impacting fan interest. Everything is positive right now with President Witt and Coach Saban and [Athletics Director Mal] Moore. We couldn't ask for more."

Back home in Tuscaloosa, university officials are addressing demands on Bryant-Denny Stadium because of the increasing popularity of Saban and the Tide. University trustees are considering a plan that would add about 9,000 seats to Bryant-Denny. Following Saban's hire in April 2007, university officials tasked an architectural firm with studying the expansion as part of an athletic facility master plan. The $80.6 million project would increase capacity of the stadium to more than 101,000 and should greatly reduce the waiting list for season tickets, which tripled to 10,000 after Saban's arrival. **RT**

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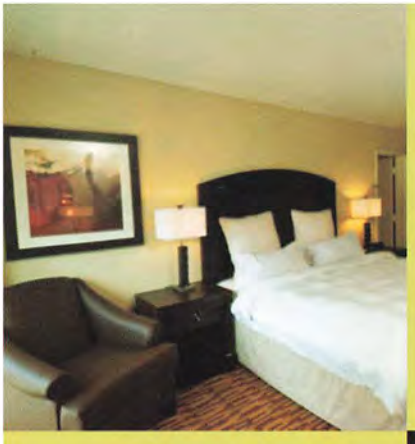

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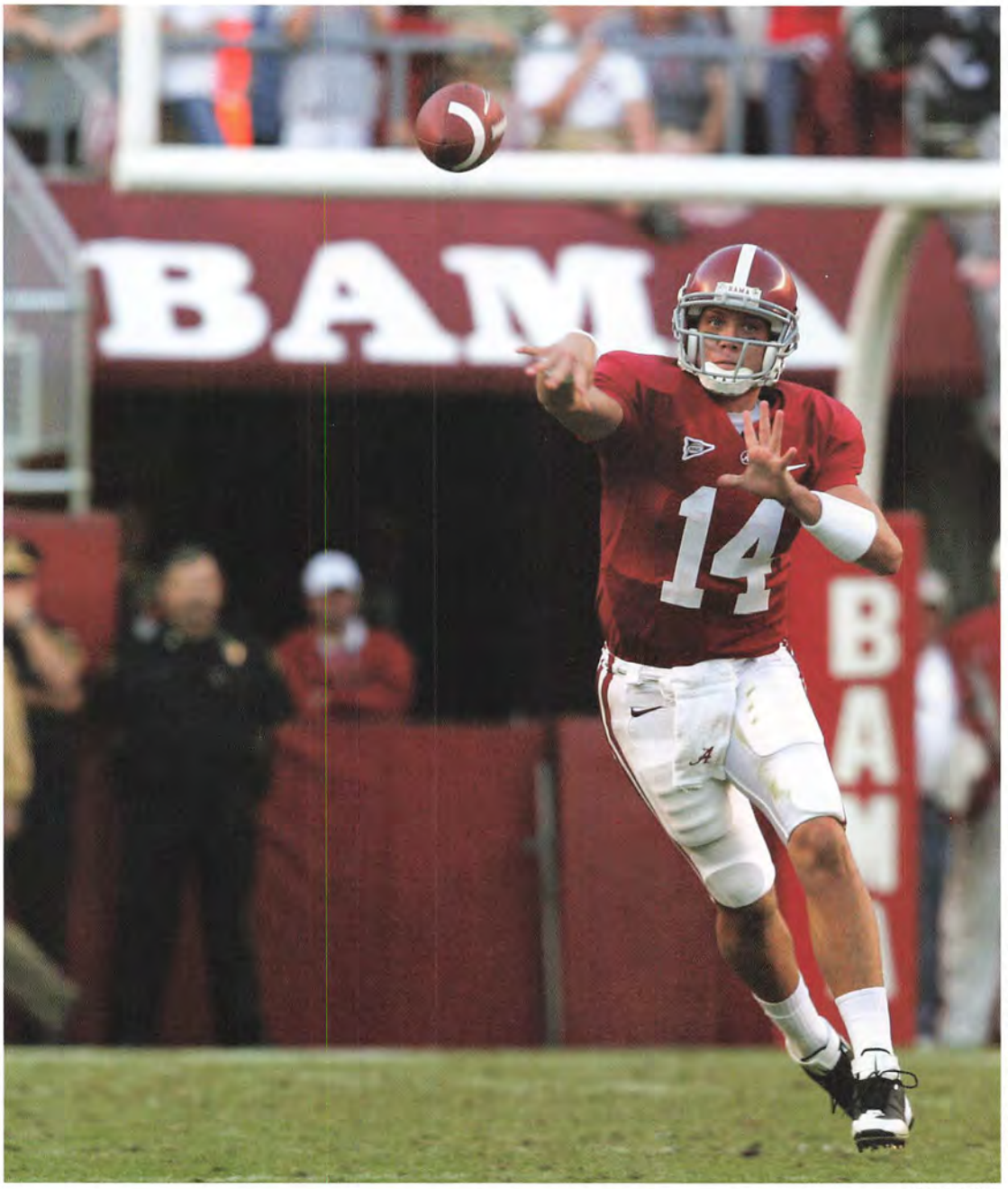
John Parker Wilson has taken the same workmanlike approach to his job as his coach



John Parker Wilson throws a pass during the Ole Miss game. He holds nearly every major single season and career QB record at Alabama.

KENT GIDLEY

BY JOHNNY KAMPIS

Although his senior year didn't end in a national or SEC championship, quarterback John Parker Wilson has shown that he has the resiliency and leadership necessary to lead the Crimson Tide into battle.

He certainly gets high marks from Alabama head coach Nick Saban, who said that Wilson has done a good job this season of managing the team and being confident in his ability to handle difficult situations.

"We've talked about this quite a bit of his business approach of what he is doing," Saban said. "He is a very competitive guy and very emotional. To be able to kind of stay in his zone and make good choices and decisions and make business decisions has probably been the biggest difference

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in his play. I think it's probably minimized his bad plays and certainly affected his good plays and certainly helped us offensively by not having as many negative plays. I think that's critical to the success of our offensive team."

RECORD-SETTER

A three-year starter for Alabama, Wilson holds nearly every major single-season and career record at Alabama — a university that brought us Joe Namath, Bart Starr, Ken Stabler and Jay Barker. Wilson's career records include most consecutive completions (12, tie), pass attempts (1,145), completions (647), passing yards (7,747), touchdowns (46) and total yards (7,953).

In addition, Wilson set six season quarterback records in 2007, including pass attempts (462), completions (255), passing yards (2,846), touchdown passes (18), plays (543) and total yards (2,950). Several of the records he broke in 2007 he had set the year before.

There has been plenty of focus on Wilson this year, beginning with Alabama's upset of Clemson. But even before the 2008 season, Wilson was named to the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award watch list and is now one of five finalists for the award. As the season progressed and Alabama remained undefeated, he became the focus of increasing media attention, with ESPN cameras accompanying him as he ate breakfast at famed Tuscaloosa restaurant The Waysider during the week prior to the Mississippi State game. He also was prominently featured in profiles during CBS telecasts of Alabama games.

This season Wilson is 169 for 293 for 2,096 yards with nine touchdowns, six interceptions and a 58 percent completion percentage.

REMARKABLE CAREER

Former Alabama quarterback Tyler Watts, now a color analyst for CSS, said Wilson's quarterback play for the Tide has been remarkable.

"I think people will look at what he's done down here and be amazed," Watts said. "He didn't start all four years and he's been able to achieve these records in three years. Especially the fact that he was able to get better each and every year and lead this team to where they currently are. Hopefully, after a Sugar Bowl win they end the season at 13-1 and that's pretty impressive."

Wilson attributes a lot of the team's success in 2008 to new offensive coordinator Jim McElwain, who was brought in to replace Major Applewhite.

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KENT GIDLEY

Wilson, shown here with coach Nick Saban, graduated from the Capstone last May but continues to take classes during his fourth year of eligibility.

KENT GIDLEY

The media spotlight became more intense on Wilson this season after he led the team to an upset over Clemson.

"I think he came in and kind of made things simple, not made things tougher than they really are. I think we have really good communication throughout preparation during the week, on the same page gameplanwise and going into Saturday," Wilson said.

A GROUND GAME

McElwain hasn't called on Wilson to throw the ball as much this season. With the success of the running game, the Crimson Tide has been able to control the game on the ground. Wilson has bought into this system and the results have shown on the field.

"We've kind of changed the way our offense has been the past couple years. We're not throwing the ball nearly as many times as we have," he said. "But I'm taking care of the ball, making good decisions and keeping our team in a good chance to win."

An improvement from 7-6 in 2007 to 12-1 in 2008 has certainly boosted the team's spirits, according to Wilson.

"It's been really nice. We've kind of struggled the past couple of years, but this season we were able to turn things completely around. It's been real fun for me and real fun for the other guys. It's really nice to be able to finish up like this," he said.

PRO PROSPECTS?

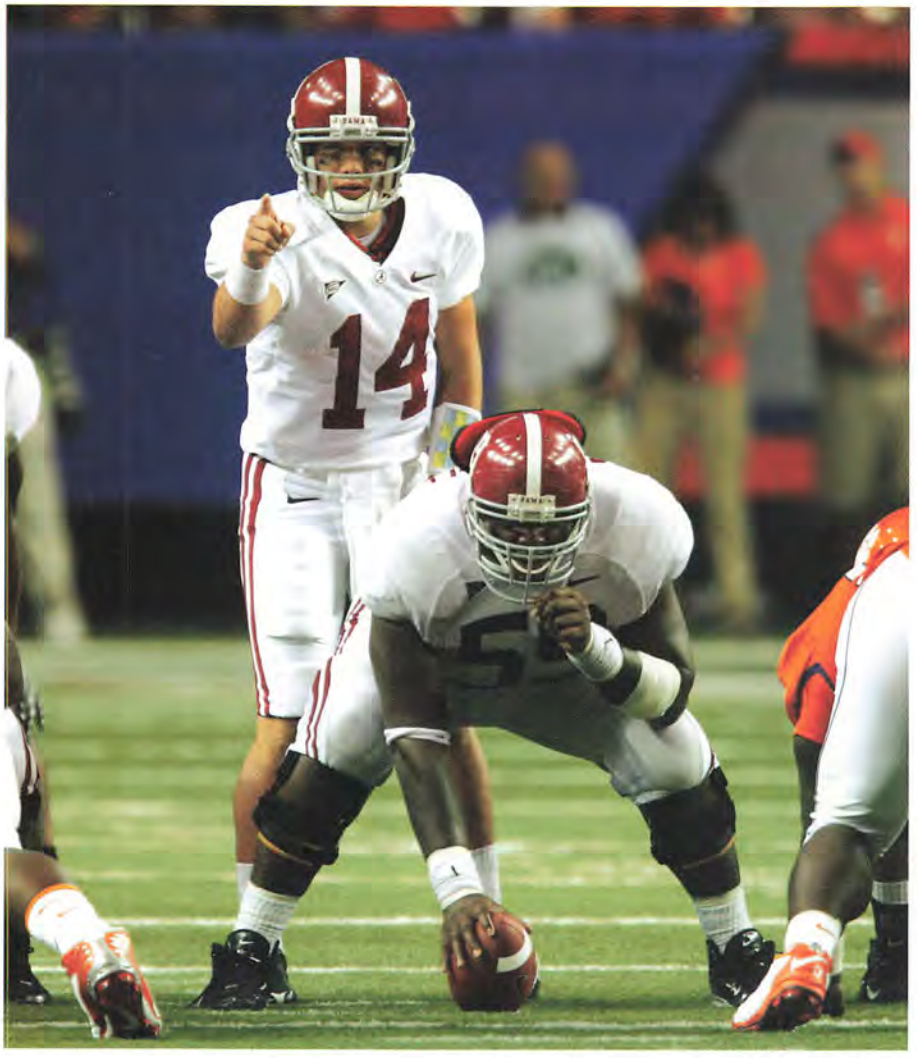
Wilson, 23, is not sure of his pro prospects, but he plans to work out for NFL scouts and see what happens. Wilson graduated last May but continues to take graduate courses at the university.

Saban could benefit Wilson's professional aspirations in a couple of ways. Wilson has played a couple of years under the former NFL coach's system and Saban still has plenty of pro connections.

"I'll just go to the combine and see where it takes me, but right now we've got another game so I'm not going to worry about that right now," Wilson said. "I think [Coach Saban's] got good relationships with the guys in the pros. I think he could do nothing but help."

Now Wilson and the Crimson Tide set their sights on Utah, their Sugar Bowl opponent. The Hoover native said that the team is excited for the opportunity to cap a magical season against a worthy foe.

"They haven't lost a game yet," Wilson said. "We know how tough it is to go through a season doing that. They've earned the right to be there. We know what kind of team they are and we're going to have to get ready for them." **RT**



Wilson prepares to accept a snap during the Clemson game. KENT GIDLEY

Wilson, shown here at the Western Kentucky game, credits much of the team's success to new offensive coordinator Jim McElwain.

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Wilson greets Jay Barker, another outstanding Alabama quarterback, and children outside Bryant-Denny after the Tide's victory over Auburn.

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Crimson 24, White 14

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Terry Grant, playing for the Crimson team, eludes defenders Keryk Anders and Cory Reamer.

Golden Flake A-Day Football Game
Date: April 12, 2008
Site: Bryant-Denny Stadium, Tuscaloosa
Crowd: 78,200

With a near-record crowd on hand, the Crimson Tide's 2008 season informally began with its annual spring intra-squad A-Day game, an Alabama tradition dating to 1966 when Bryant-Denny was expanded to just 60,000 seats. The Crimson squad, with senior John Parker Wilson at quarterback, was comprised of Alabama's first-team offense and second team defense, while the White team, with sophomore Greg McElroy at quarterback, featured the Tide's first-team defense and second-team offense. The day featured a variety of events for Alabama fans, including a ceremony at Denny Chimes honoring the captains of the team, whose hand imprints remain at base of Denny Chimes.

Will Oakley leaps for a catch while Javier Arenas defends.

KENT GIDLEY

Quarterback Greg McElroy rolls out as he leads the White team.

Coach Nick Saban presents Travis McCall an award during the A-Day festivities at Bryant-Denny.

Saban leads a procession in a ceremony at Denny Chimes in which the captains of the team have their hands imprinted at the base of the chimes.

Team members from both squads gather in the locker room before their scrimmage.

Tailback Mark Ingram makes his way through a Clemson defensive onslaught. KENT GIDLEY

Alabama 34, Clemson 10

2008 Chick-Fil-A College Kickoff
Date: Aug. 30, 2008
Site: Georgia Dome, Atlanta
Crowd: 70,097

With ESPN's College Game Day crew on hand, Alabama's 2008 season opened with a flourish as the unranked Tide upset No. 9 Clemson 34-10. Alabama never trailed in the game and rolled up 419 yards of offense, including 239 yards on the ground, and held the ball for more than 41 minutes of the game. The Tide's defense held Clemson to 188 yards overall. In the opening drive of the game, Leigh Tiffin hit a career record 54-yard field goal, the third longest in school history, and followed it up with another three points. A quarterback sneak by John Parker Wilson extended the lead to 13-0. After a Clemson field goal, Alabama came back with an 83-yard touchdown drive, capped by a 4-yard touchdown pass from Wilson to tight end Nick Walker, who'd finish the night with seven catches and 67 yards. Near the end of the first half, defensive back Marquis Johnson intercepted a Cullen Harper pass at the Clemson 38. That was followed by a 48-yard Alabama drive and a Tiffin field goal. In the opening of the second half, Clemson scored its only touchdown on a 96-yard kickoff return by tailback C.J. Spiller. Alabama soon followed up with a 14-play drive that Wilson completed with a 4-yard touchdown pass to Julio Jones. Tailback Mark Ingram converted the 2-point try for the win, and Alabama finished its scoring for the night with a 28-yard field goal from Tiffin. Senior safety Rashad Johnson summed up the approach to the game: "Coach has been stressing that he wants us to finish games, and he wants us to have a dominating mentality. And I think everyone took that attitude when we went out on the field."

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Leigh Tiffin hit 4 field goals during the Clemson game, including a career record 54-yarder. KENT GIDLEY

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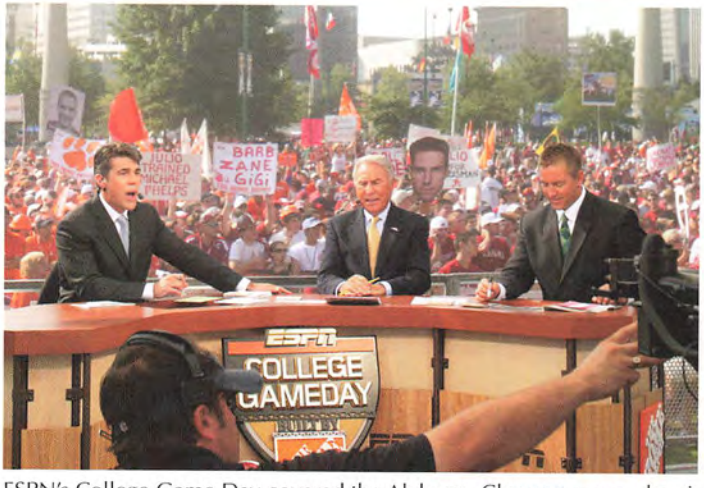
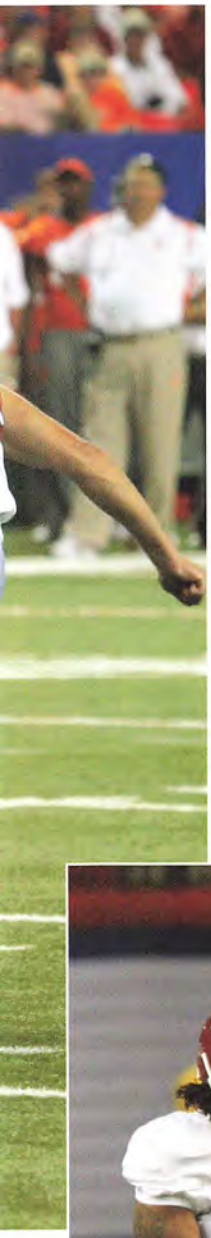


ESPN's College Game Day covered the Alabama-Clemson game, drawing a large crowd of Alabama and Clemson fans before the game.



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Tight end Nick Walker catches a four-yard touchdown pass from John Parker Wilson. Walker finished the game with seven catches and 67 yards.

Defensive lineman Terrence Cody goes after Clemson quarterback Cullen Harper.

Clemson coach Tommy Bowden and Alabama coach Nick Saban greet each other.

BOX SCORE

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Alabama	13	10	8	3	34	Record: (1-0)
Clemson	0	3	7	0	10	Record: (0-1)

Scoring Summary:

1st 09:43 UA - Leigh Tiffin 54 yd field goal, 10-27 5:17, UA 3 - CU 0
07:01 UA - Leigh Tiffin 21 yd field goal, 6-27 2:21, UA 6 - CU 0
02:51 UA - John Parker Wilson 1 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 7-45 2:24, UA 13 - CU 0
2nd 14:17 CU - Buchholz, M 33 yd field goal, 8-56 3:34, UA 13 - CU 3
06:01 UA - Nick Walker 4 yd pass from John Parker Wilson (Leigh Tiffin kick), 14-83 8:16, UA 20 - CU 3
00:00 UA - Leigh Tiffin 34 yd field goal, 8-48 1:39, UA 23 - CU 3
3rd 14:48 CU - Spiller, C 96 yd kickoff return (Buchholz, M kick), UA 23 - CU 10
04:08 UA - Julio Jones 4 yd pass from John Parker Wilson (Mark Ingram rush), 14-67 6:52, UA 31 - CU 10
4th 03:39 UA - Leigh Tiffin 26 yd field goal, 14-78 8:54, UA 34 - CU 10

	UA	CU
FIRST DOWNS	**25**	**11**
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	**50-239**	**14-0**
PASSING YDS (NET)	**180**	**188**
Passes Att-Comp-Int	30-22-0	34-20-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	**80-419**	**48-188**
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-23	1-9
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-61	7-188
Interception Returns-Yards	1-7	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-36.5	4-40.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-40	6-43
Possession Time	41:13	18:47
Third-Down Conversions	11 of 17	1 of 9
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	6-6	1-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-28	0-0

RUSHING: Alabama-Mark Ingram 17-96; Glen Coffee 17-90; Roy Upchurch 8-37; John Parker Wilson 4-19; Terry Grant 4-minus 3. Clemson-Davis, J 6-13; Spiller, C 2-7; Ford, J 1-5; Grisham, T 1-3; Harper, J 1-0; Harper, C 3-minus 28.
PASSING: Alabama-John Parker Wilson 22-30-0-180. Clemson-Harper, C 20-34-1-188.
RECEIVING: Alabama-Nick Walker 7-67; Roy Upchurch 4-30; Julio Jones 4-28; Mike McCoy 2-33; Mark Ingram 2-5; Glen Coffee 1-9; Travis McCall 1-8; B.J. Scott 1-0. Clemson-Grisham, T 6-42; Kelly, A 5-28; Ashe, T 3-18; Ford, J 2-53; Spiller, C 2-27; Davis, J 1-11; Barry, D 1-9.
INTERCEPTIONS: Alabama-Marquis Johnson 1-7. Clemson-None.
FUMBLES: Alabama-None. Clemson-Harper, J 1-1.
Kickoff time: 8:12 PM End of Game: 11:35 PM
Total elapsed time: 3:23

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Defensive linemen No. 58 Nick Gentry and No. 93 Bobby Greenwood attempt to block a Tulane field goal attempt. Special teams played a key part in the game.

Alabama 20, Tulane 6

Date: Sept. 6, 2008
Site: Bryant-Denny Stadium, Tuscaloosa
Crowd: 92,138

Rising to No. 13 in the AP poll after upsetting No. 9 Clemson, the Crimson Tide took on the Green Wave of Tulane. While the Tide's offense stumbled in the game, even to the point of being outgained by Tulane 318 to 172 in total offense, the special teams and defense stood fast and kept the game on course for Alabama. Javier Arenas provided the spark on special teams when he returned a punt for 87 yards and a touchdown to open up the scoring in the first quarter. Later in the first quarter the special teams once again created points for the Crimson Tide, this time with a blocked punt by Roy Upchurch. Chris Rogers picked up the blocked punt and returned it for a touchdown. At the beginning of the second quarter, Tulane finally managed to put points on the board with a Ross Thevenot field goal. In the second half, the Crimson Tide put together one of its only successful drives of the game, an 11-play, 77-yard drive finished off with a 15-yard run by Mark Ingram. Ingram finished the game as Alabama's leading rusher with 11 carries for 63 yards and a touchdown. Ingram's touchdown put the score at 20 to 3, with the Green Wave managing to tack on one last field goal, making the final score 20 to 6. The Crimson Tide defense received much of the credit for the win, specifically for its tenacity in the Red Zone. Linebacker Cory Reamer summed up the game saying, "We had to step up, we weren't clicking as well on offense as we were last week. You have to expect that sometimes. We just had to be there when we were called."

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Running back Mark Ingram eludes Tulane defenders.

SIDELINES

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Coach Nick Saban and the team walk out of the tunnel and onto the field.

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The Alabama color guard performs before kickoff during the Tide's first home game of the season.

CORY JOHNSON

Tight end Travis McCall continues his forward momentum despite a Tulane tackle.

BOX SCORE

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Tulane	0	3	0	3	6	Record: (0-1)
Alabama	13	0	7	0	20	Record: (2-0)

Scoring Summary:

1st 10:45 UA - Javier Arenas 87 yd punt return (Leigh Tiffin kick), TU 0 – UA; 03:15 UA - Chris Rogers 17 yd blocked punt return (Corey Smith kick failed), TU 0 - UA 13

2nd 13:07 TU - Ross Thevenot 35 yd field goal, 12-42 5:08, TU 3 - UA 13

3rd 00:00 UA - Mark Ingram 15 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 11-77 4:41, TU 3 - UA 20

4th 11:47 TU - Ross Thevenot 21 yd field goal, 11-70 3:13, TU 6 - UA 20

	TU	UA
FIRST DOWNS	**18**	**11**
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	**32-86**	**26-99**
PASSING YDS (NET)	**232**	**73**
Passes Att-Comp-Int	50-29-0	23-11-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	**82-318**	**49-172**
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-8	7-171
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-46	3-91
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-32.3	7-40.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-29	6-43
Possession Time	36:35	23:25
Third-Down Conversions	7 of 20	3 of 11
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 2	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-3	1-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-29	1-8

RUSHING: Tulane-Andre Anderson 13-32; Nathan Austin 5-24; Albert Williams 5-18; Jeremy Williams 4-11; Kevin Moore 4-1; Cody Blackwelder 1-0. Alabama-Mark Ingram 11-63; Glen Coffee 9-55; Team 1-minus 1; John Parker Wilson 5-minus 18.

PASSING: Tulane-Kevin Moore 28-49-0-225; Joe Kemp 1-1-0-7. Alabama-John Parker Wilson 11-23-0-73.

RECEIVING: Tulane-Brian King 6-51; Andre Anderson 4-26; Jeremy Williams 4-26; Cody Blackwelder 3-22; Michael Bastiste 3-17; Nathan Austin 3-minus 5; Cody Sparks 2-14; Chris Dunn 1-45; Justin Kessler 1-26; Troy Wainwright 1-7; Casey Robottom 1-3. Alabama-Marquis Maze 4-22; Nick Walker 1-15; Julio Jones 1-13; Terry Grant 1-9; Mark Ingram 1-7; Roy Upchurch 1-7; Travis McCall 1-3; Glen Coffee 1-minus 3.

INTERCEPTIONS: Tulane-None. Alabama-None.

FUMBLES: Tulane-Casey Robottom 1-0; Andre Anderson 1-0. Alabama-Glen Coffee 1-1.

Kickoff time: 6:07 PM End of Game: 9:11 PM Total elapsed time: 3:04

KENT GIDLEY

Quarterback John Parker Wilson makes a run during the Western Kentucky game. Wilson broke Brodie Croyle's total offense record of 6,205 yards.

Alabama 41, Western Kentucky 7

Date: Sept. 13, 2008
Site: Bryant Denny Stadium, Tuscaloosa
Crowd: 92,138

Alabama, rising to No. 11, seemed to find its offensive groove again, this time in a dominating performance against an overmatched Western Kentucky football team. It was a record-setting day for quarterback John Parker Wilson as he broke Brodie Croyle's career total offense record of 6,205 yards. Wilson finished the day 17-27 for 215 yards and two touchdowns. Mark Ingram sparked the offense in the first quarter with an 8-yard touchdown run. After a Leigh Tiffin field goal, Ingram scored once again in the opening quarter, this time with a scamper of 6 yards. The Crimson Tide added to its scoring total, this time with an 8-yard run from Terry Grant in the second quarter. Western Kentucky finally managed to put points on the board with a David Wolke touchdown pass to Tristan Jones. The Tide managed one more scoring drive in the second quarter, which was finished off with a 2-yard pass from Wilson to tight end Nick Walker. This score gave Alabama a comfortable lead to end the half at 31-7. The Tide scored 10 more points in the third quarter to close out the scoring for the game. Julio Jones caught his second career touchdown pass and Tiffin kicked a field goal to put the final score 41-7 in favor of the Tide. Said Wilson of the game: "The entire offense played a lot better than last week. It was good to come out and start the way we did. We were able to sustain the whole game."

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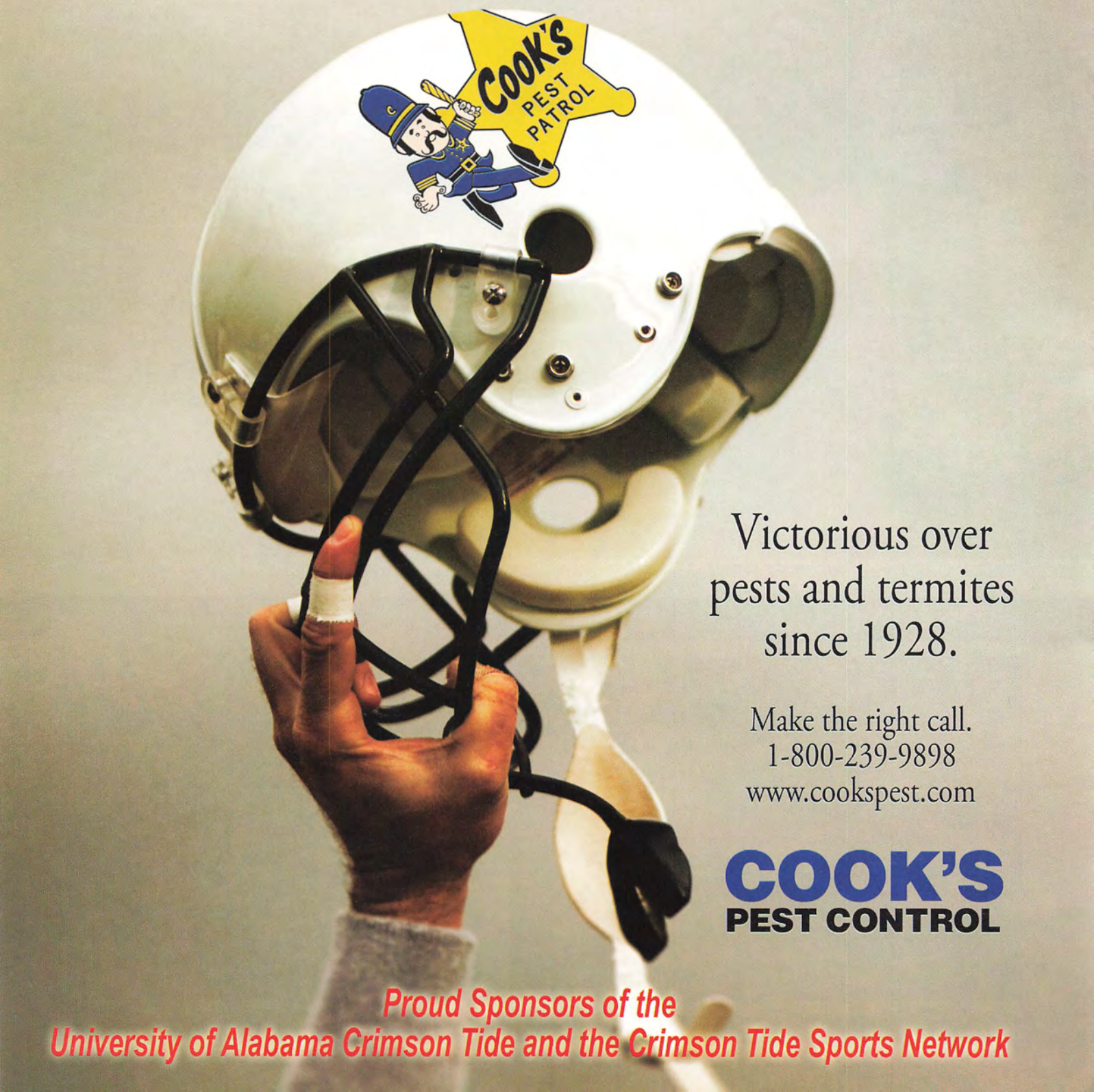

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With a Western Kentucky player flying on his coattails, wide receiver Julio Jones scampers down field.

SIDELINES

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Big Al is tossed among the crowd at Bryant-Denny.

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Mark Ingram and John Parker Wilson celebrate their success.

CORY JOHNSON

Javier Arenas returns a kick aided by a block from Charlie Higginbotham.

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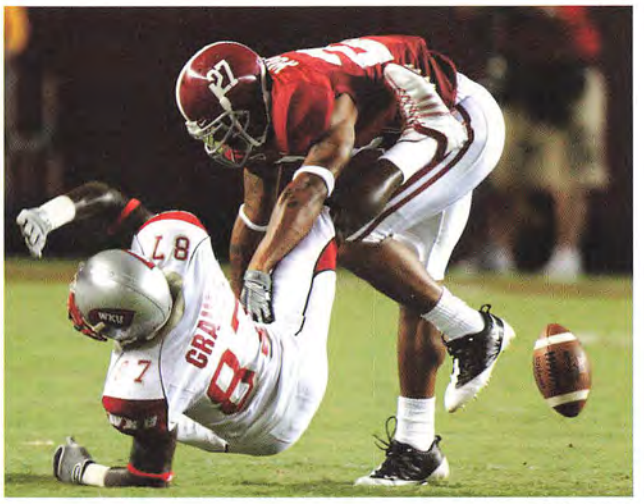

KENT GIDLEY

Mark Ingram tries to break loose from a defender's grip. Defensive back Justin Woodall, right, scrambles a pass.

BOX SCORE

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Western Kentucky	0	7	0	0	7	Record: (1-2)
Alabama	17	14	10	0	41	Record: (3-0)

Scoring Summary:

1st 08:42 UA - Mark Ingram 7 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 11-63 4:21, WKU 0 - UA 7
06:30 UA - Leigh Tiffin 22 yd field goal, 6-11 2:01, WKU 0 - UA 10
00:49 UA - Mark Ingram 5 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 5-56 2:19, WKU 0 - UA 17
2nd 09:51 UA - Terry Grant 8 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 8-78 3:46, WKU 0 - UA 24
04:21 WKU - Tristan Jones 30 yd pass from David Wolke (Tanner Siewert kick), 4-36 2:24, WKU 7 - UA 24
01:57 UA - Nick Walker 2 yd pass from John Parker Wilson (Leigh Tiffin kick), 6-70 2:24, WKU 7 - UA 31
3rd 09:57 UA - Leigh Tiffin 25 yd field goal, 11-54 5:03, WKU 7 - UA 34
04:57 UA - Julio Jones 12 yd pass from John Parker Wilson (Leigh Tiffin kick), 7-56 2:32, WKU 7 - UA 41

	WKU	UA
FIRST DOWNS	**9**	**30**
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	**22-42**	**49-281**
PASSING YDS (NET)	**116**	**276**
Passes Att-Comp-Int	26-14-1	33-21-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	**48-158**	**82-557**
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	4-53
Kickoff Returns-Yards	8-161	1-9
Interception Returns-Yards	1-18	1-1
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-36.4	0-0.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-27	3-25
Possession Time	22:39	37:21
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 12	9 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 2	3 of 3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-0	7-9
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	1-12

RUSHING: Western Kentucky-Bobby Rainey 4-11; David Wolke 7-10; Tyrell Hayden 5-9; Derrius Brooks 1-7; Dexter Taylor 1-5; Marell Booker 4-0. Alabama-Glen Coffee 11-97; Roy Upchurch 11-53; Mark Ingram 9-51; Terry Grant 8-39; Demetrius Goode 7-21; John Parker Wilson 3-20.
PASSING: Western Kentucky-David Wolke 14-25-1-116; Brandon Smith 0-1-0-0. Alabama-John Parker Wilson 17-27-1-215; Greg McElroy 4-6-0-61.
RECEIVING: Western Kentucky-Derrius Brooks 6-40; Wenquel Graves 4-29; Tristan Jones 1-30; Jessie Quinn 1-11; Brad Savko 1-9; Tyrell Hayden 1-minus 3. Alabama-Julio Jones 5-66; Earl Alexander 3-50; Mike McCoy 3-42; Nick Walker 3-14; Marquis Maze 2-25; Terry Grant 1-22; Darius Hanks 1-18; Nikita Stover 1-18; Will Oakley 1-13; Preston Dial 1-8.
INTERCEPTIONS: Western Kentucky-Travis Watters 1-18. Alabama-Justin Woodall 1-1.
FUMBLES: Western Kentucky-Marell Booker 1-1; Jessie Quinn 1-0. Alabama-Roy Upchurch 1-1.
Kickoff time: 6:07 PM End of Game: 8:58 PM Total elapsed time: 2:51

Linebacker Rolando McClain, No. 25, brings down an Arkansas ball handler. McClain had eight tackles in the Arkansas game. KENT GIDLEY

Alabama 49, Arkansas 14

Date: Sept. 20, 2008
Site: D.W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium, Fayetteville, Ark.
Crowd: 72,315

Alabama, moving to No. 9, opened up SEC play with a dominating performance against an overmatched Arkansas Razorback team. The Crimson Tide once again got out to a fast start. The Tide opened up the game with a methodical 10-play, 65 yard drive capped off with a 1-yard Mark Ingram touchdown run. On the next Tide possession, Glen Coffee took the first play 87 yards for a touchdown. Marquis Johnson scored on a 64-yard Casey Dick interception return, putting the score at the end of the first quarter Alabama 21, Arkansas 0. Arkansas struck first in the second quarter with a 12-yard touchdown pass by Casey Dick to Andrew Davie, but Alabama quickly responded with a 5-play drive completed by a 25-yard John Parker Wilson to Julio Jones connection. Wilson once again broke a Brodie Croyle record, this time for passing touchdowns of 41. Casey Dick once again threw an interception for a touchdown, this time to safety Justin Woodall who returned it 74 yards. The Crimson tide added two more touchdowns with long runs of 31 and 62 yards from Glen Coffee and Roy Upchurch respectively. Backup Razorback quarterback Tyler Wilson threw a touchdown pass to Michael Smith in the fourth quarter, making the final score 49-14 in Alabama's favor. Alabama dominated on the ground, gaining a total of 328 rushing yards, due in part to the great play of the offensive line. Coach Nick Saban praised the line, saying: "They did a nice job today; there is no doubt about it. We made some big-play runs and it was all because of the way we blocked them up front. We got a lot of movement. We pushed them."

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Wide receiver Julio Jones tries to break free of a tackle while running down field.

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SIDELINES

Coach Nick Saban goes over a play with defensive back Rashad Johnson.

Running back Glen Coffee gestures after a successful play.

KENT GIDLEY

Defensive back Javier Arenas demonstrates his versatility. Above, he brings down a receiver and at left he crosses the goal line after intercepting a pass and running 64 yards.

BOX SCORE

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Alabama	21	14	7	7	49	Record: (4-0,1-0)
Arkansas	0	7	0	7	14	Record: (2-1,0-1)

Scoring Summary:

1st 10:40 UA - Mark Ingram 1 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 10-71 4:20, UA 7 - AR 0

06:52 UA - Glen Coffee 87 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 1-87 0:13, UA 14 - AR 0

00:53 UA - Javier Arenas 63 yd interception return (Leigh Tiffin kick), UA 21 - AR 0

2nd 10:30 AR - Andrew Davie 12 yd pass from Casey Dick (Alex Tejada kick), 9-47 5:23, UA 21 - AR 7

08:31 UA - Julio Jones 25 yd pass from John Parker Wilson (Leigh Tiffin kick), 5-68 1:59, UA 28 - AR 7

06:15 UA - Justin Woodall 74 yd interception return (Leigh Tiffin kick), UA 35 - AR 7

3rd 14:05 UA - Glen Coffee 31 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 2-34 0:41, UA 42 - AR 7

4th 10:59 AR - Michael Smith 10 yd pass from Tyler Wilson (Alex Tejada kick), 6-34 1:48, UA 42 - AR 14

10:36 UA - Roy Upchurch 62 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 1-62 0:23, UA 49 - AR 14

	UA	AR
FIRST DOWNS	**15**	**19**
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	**35-328**	**31-92**
PASSING YDS (NET)	**74**	**217**
Passes Att-Comp-Int	15-6-1	46-24-4
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	**50-402**	**77-309**
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	5-20	3-20
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-34	8-184
Interception Returns-Yards	4-131	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-45.2	7-43.4
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	1-10	5-30
Possession Time	25:14	34:46
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 11	5 of 17
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	2 of 3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	2-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-15	1-12

RUSHING: Alabama-Glen Coffee 10-162; Roy Upchurch 7-91; Mark Ingram 6-53; Terry Grant 10-32; John Parker Wilson 2-minus 10. Arkansas-Michael Smith 19-91; D. Curtis 3-10; Casey Dick 4-5; Dennis Johnson 1-1; Brandon Barnett 2-0; Tyler Wilson 2-minus 15.

PASSING: Alabama-John Parker Wilson 6-14-0-74; Greg McElroy 0-1-1-0. Arkansas-Casey Dick 20-39-3-190; Tyler Wilson 4-7-1-27.

RECEIVING: Alabama-Earl Alexander 2-38; Terry Grant 2-5; Julio Jones 1-25; Nick Walker 1-6. Arkansas-Michael Smith 6-67; DJ Williams 5-48; Jarius Wright 2-26; Lucas Miller 2-20; London Crawford 2-15; Greg Childs 2-11; D. Curtis 2-6; Andrew Davie 1-12; Joe Adams 1-7; Dennis Johnson 1-5.

INTERCEPTIONS: Alabama-Justin Woodall 1-74; Javier Arenas 1-63; Marquis Johnson 1-0; Chris Rogers 1-minus 6. Arkansas-Ramon Broadway 1-0.

FUMBLES: Alabama-Javier Arenas 1-0; Mark Barron 1-0. Arkansas-Dennis Johnson 1-0; Casey Dick 1-0.

Kickoff time: 11:34am End of Game: 2:31pm Total elapsed time: 2:57

Roy Upchurch runs to open space against the Georgia Bulldogs. KENT GIDLEY

Alabama 41, Georgia 30

Date: Sept. 27, 2008
Site: Sanford Stadium, Athens, Ga.
Crowd: 92,746

The Crimson Tide, moving up to No. 8 in the AP poll, was put to the first real test of the season against the No. 3 Georgia Bulldogs, who showed up in black jerseys. The Tide came out fast and scored on its first five possessions. The first score came on a Mark Ingram touchdown run of 7 yards after a masterful 11-play drive. On the next Tide possession. Leigh Tiffin kicked a 23-yard field goal to give Alabama a 10 to 0 lead at the end of the first quarter. Alabama scored once again on a Glenn Coffee run of 3 yards. On Georgia's next offensive possession, wide receiver A.J. Green fumbled after he made a catch and linebacker Don'ta Hightower recovered the ball. Roy Upchurch put the ball in the end zone to capitalize on the turnover making the score Alabama 24, Georgia 0. Alabama scored once again, this time on a pass from John Parker Wilson to Julio Jones. At the end of the half, Alabama led 31 to 0 in front of a shocked crowd in Sanford Stadium. But Georgia came storming back in the second half , scoring 10 points in the third quarter off of a Blair Walsh field-goal and a Knowshon Moreno touchdown run. Georgia came within 14 points after a Prince Miller punt return of 92 yards, but Alabama scored 10 unanswered points to put the game out of reach for the Bulldogs. Tiffin kicked a field goal and Coffee scored on a run of 12 yards. Georgia scored two more touchdowns at the end of the fourth quarter but the game was out of reach by then. The Crimson Tide dominated the game on both sides of the ball and was once again led by its running game.

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Dont'a Hightower and Lorenzo Washington take down Georgia quarterback Matthew Stafford.

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SIDELINES

Drew Davis and Charlie Higgenbotham pray with the Bulldogs after the game.

Leigh Tiffin talks with special teams coach Bobby Williams and head coach Nick Saban before a field goal try.

JEFF HANSON

Glen Coffee dives for a touchdown. Coffee had 23 carries for 86 yards.

Kareem Johnson goes for a sack of Matthew Stafford.

A heavily covered Marquis Maze goes up for a catch.

BOX SCORE

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Alabama	10	21	0	10	41	Record: (5-0, 2-0)
Georgia	0	0	10	20	30	Record: (4-1, 1-1)

Scoring Summary:

1st 08:32 UA - Mark Ingram 7 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 11-80 6:28, UA 7 - GA 0
00:49 UA - Leigh Tiffin 23 yd field goal, 8-60 4:51, UA 10 - GA 0
2nd 11:58 UA - Glen Coffee 3 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 5-48 2:38, UA 17 - GA 0
06:47 UA - Roy Upchurch 4 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 7-33 3:15, UA 24 - GA 0
01:25 UA - Julio Jones 22 yd pass from John Parker Wilson (Leigh Tiffin kick), 6-63 3:10, UA 31 - GA 0
3rd 11:07 GA - Blair Walsh 43 yd field goal, 7-47 3:53, UA 31 - GA 3
01:16 GA - Knowshon Moreno 2 yd run (Blair Walsh kick), 10-58 4:41, UA 31 - GA 10
4th 14:41 GA - Prince Miller 92 yd punt return (Blair Walsh kick), UA 31 - GA 17
09:45 UA - Leigh Tiffin 32 yd field goal, 8-51 4:48, UA 34 - GA 17
04:13 UA - Glen Coffee 12 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 5-47 3:02, UA 41 - GA 17
03:00 GA - Michael Moore 24 yd pass from M. Stafford (M. Stafford pass failed), 5-40 1:04, UA 41 - GA 23
01:35 GA - A.J. Green 21 yd pass from M. Stafford (Blair Walsh kick), 6-58 1:21, UA 41 - GA 30

	UA	GA
FIRST DOWNS	**21**	**18**
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	**45-129**	**16-50**
PASSING YDS (NET)	**205**	**274**
Passes Att-Comp-Int	16-13-0	43-24-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	**61-334**	**59-324**
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-8	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-27	1-92
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-68	7-187
Interception Returns-Yards	1-12	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-34.0	4-30.2
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	2-9	10-81
Possession Time	35:46	24:14
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 10	4 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	2 of 3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	6-6	1-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-18	1-5

RUSHING: Alabama-Glen Coffee 23-86; Roy Upchurch 6-18; Mark Ingram 7-17; John Parker Wilson 5-13; Team 4-minus 5. Georgia-Knowshon Moreno 9-34; M. Stafford 6-11; Caleb King 1-5.

PASSING: Alabama-John Parker Wilson 13-16-0-205. Georgia-M. Stafford 24-42-1-274; M. Massaquoi 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING: Alabama-Julio Jones 5-94; Roy Upchurch 2-51; Mike McCoy 2-22; Nikita Stover 1-14; Nick Walker 1-11; B.J. Scott 1-7; Glen Coffee 1-6. Georgia-A.J. Green 6-88; Michael Moore 5-65; M. Massaquoi 4-33; Knowshon Moreno 3-14; Kris Durham 2-44; Kenneth Harris 2-28; Caleb King 2-2.

INTERCEPTIONS: Alabama-Justin Woodall 1-12. Georgia-None.

FUMBLES: Alabama-Glen Coffee 1-0; Team 1-1. Georgia-A.J. Green 1-1.

Kickoff time: 7:48 End of Game: 10:58 Total elapsed time: 3:10

Mark Ingram runs to the left, a favored direction in the game against Kentucky. COURTNEY DAVIES

Alabama 17, Kentucky 14

Date: Oct. 4, 2008
Site: Bryant-Denny Stadium, Tuscaloosa
Crowd: 92,138

After upsetting Georgia and moving up to No. 2, Alabama faced a tougher-than-expected opponent in Kentucky. The Crimson Tide was led by Glen Coffee and the offensive line, who together helped the offense gain a total of 282 yards rushing against the fifth-best rushing defense in the nation. Coffee opened up the scoring on the Tide's second offensive drive of the game, breaking a long run of 78 yards for a touchdown. Alabama's defense helped with the scoring as Rolando McClain recovered a Mike Hartline fumble near the goal line and took the ball in for a 4-yard score. This put the score at halftime Alabama 14, Kentucky 0. Alabama did not manage to score any points in the third quarter and also allowed Kentucky to climb back into the game with a 26-yard pass by Mike Hartline to Dicky Lyons Jr. Late in the fourth quarter Leigh Tiffin kicked a 24-yard field goal to give the Crimson Tide a 10-point lead. However, Kentucky managed to throw a long pass of 48 yards on the next drive for a touchdown. Kentucky then attempted an onside kick but it bounced out of bounds, sealing the victory for the Tide.

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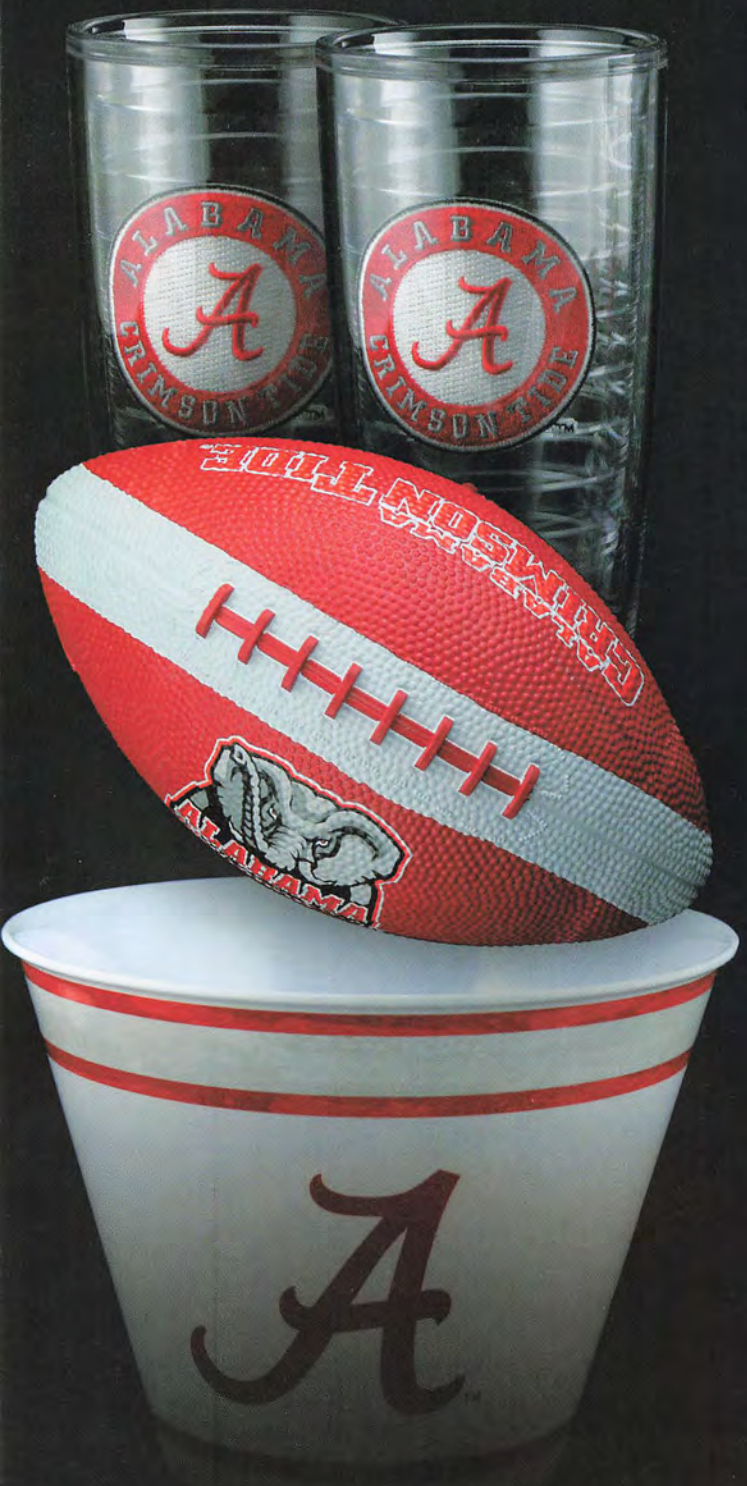

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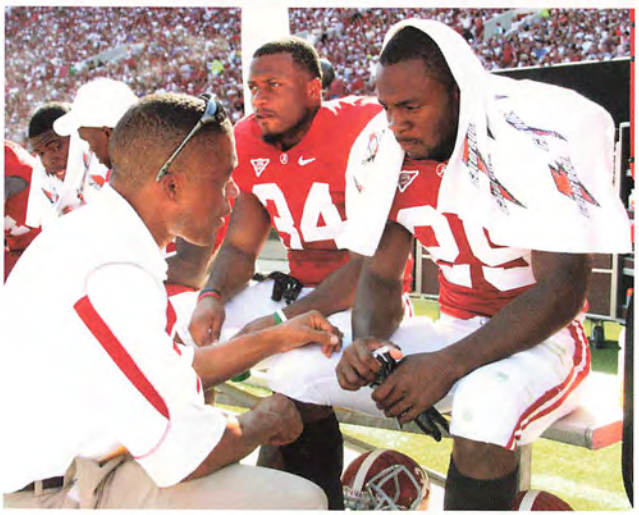

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Jeremiah Castille speaks with running back Terry Grant.

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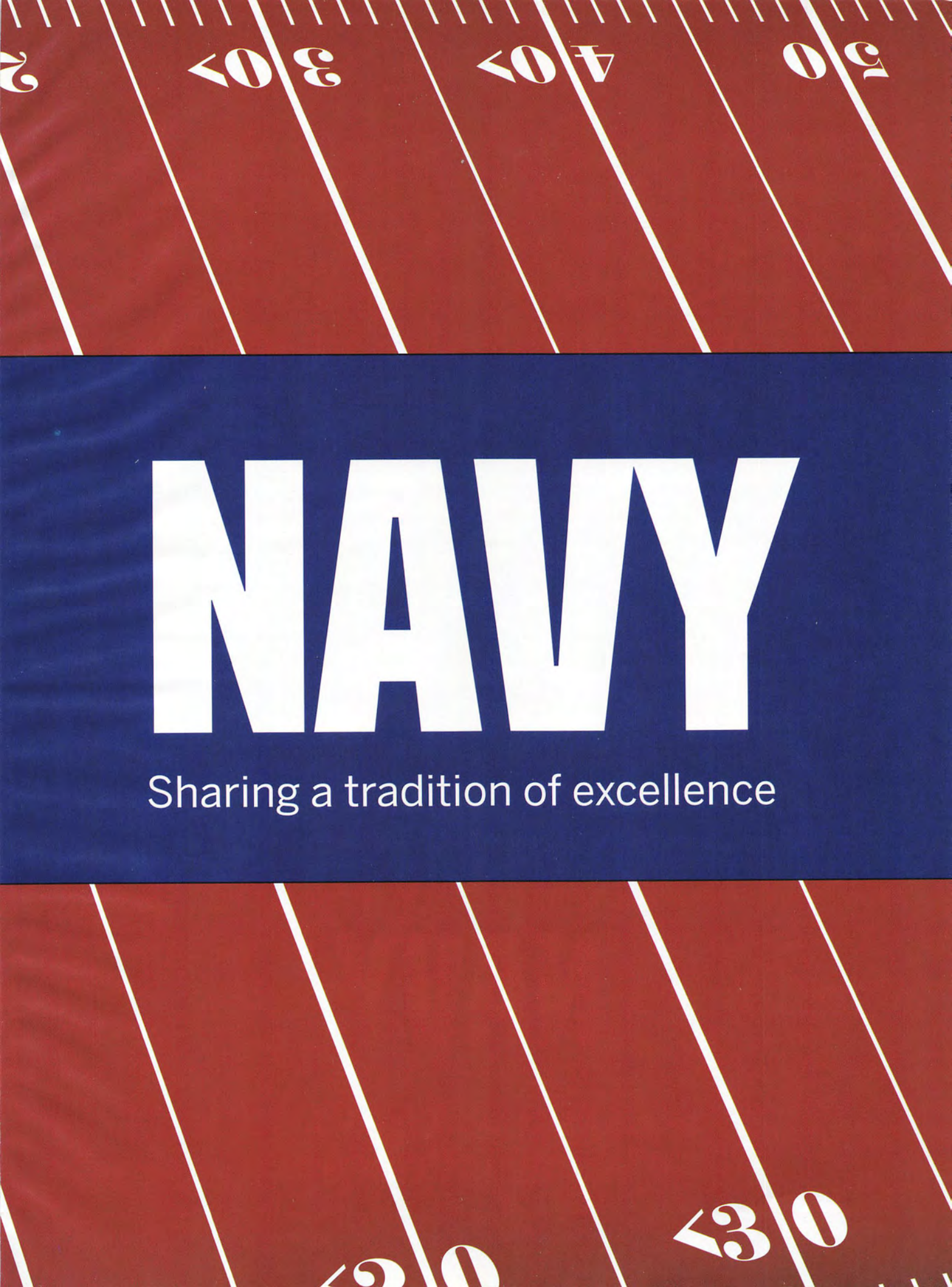
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Javier Arenas runs to daylight on a punt return.

CORY JOHNSON

John Parker Wilson hads off the ball to Glen Coffee.

KENT GIDLEY

Mark Ingram breaks an arm tackle against the Wildcats.

BOX SCORE

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Kentucky	0	0	7	7	14	Record: (4-1, 0-1)
Alabama	14	0	0	3	17	Record: (6-0, 3-0)

Scoring Summary:

1st 09:48 UA - Glen Coffee 78 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 2-76 1:17, UK 0 - UA 7
01:02 UA - Rolando McClain 4 yd fumble recovery (Leigh Tiffin kick), UK 0 - UA 14
3rd 05:49 UK - Dicky Lyons 26 yd pass from Mike Hartline (Lones Seiber kick), 2-70 0:34, UK 7 - UA 14
4th 02:12 UA - Leigh Tiffin 24 yd field goal, 15-76 8:10, UK 7 - UA 17
00:40 UK - DeMoreo Ford 48 yd pass from Mike Hartline (Lones Seiber kick), 8-78 1:32, UK 14 - UA 17

	UK	UA
FIRST DOWNS	**12**	**15**
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	**20-35**	**49-282**
PASSING YDS (NET)	**241**	**106**
Passes Att-Comp-Int	42-20-1	17-7-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	**62-276**	**66-388**
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-4
Punt Returns-Yards	2-14	5-52
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-86	1-17
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	1-5
Punts (Number-Avg)	10-43.2	6-43.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-2
Penalties-Yards	9-58	10-92
Possession Time	24:15	35:45
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 17	5 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-0	1-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-20	1-6

RUSHING: Kentucky-Derrick Locke 6-28; Alfonso Smith 7-18; Tony Dixon 3-10; Moncell Allen 1-minus 2; Mike Hartline 3-minus 19. Alabama-Glen Coffee 25-218; Mark Ingram 11-66; Roy Upchurch 5-19; Marquis Maze 1-1; Team 1-minus 2; John Parker Wilson 6-minus 20.

PASSING: Kentucky-Mike Hartline 20-42-1-241. Alabama-John Parker Wilson 7-17-1-106.

RECEIVING: Kentucky-Derrick Locke 8-81; Dicky Lyons 6-63; Maurice Grinter 3-29; E.J. Adams 2-20; DeMoreo Ford 1-48. Alabama-Julio Jones 3-52; Nick Walker 2-30; Glen Coffee 1-15; Nikita Stover 1-9.

INTERCEPTIONS: Kentucky-Marcus McClinton 1-0. Alabama-Kareem Jackson 1-5.

FUMBLES: Kentucky-Mike Hartline 1-1. Alabama-Glen Coffee 2-1; Marquis Johnson 1-1.

Kickoff time: 2:35 PM End of Game: 6:08 PM Total elapsed time: 3:33

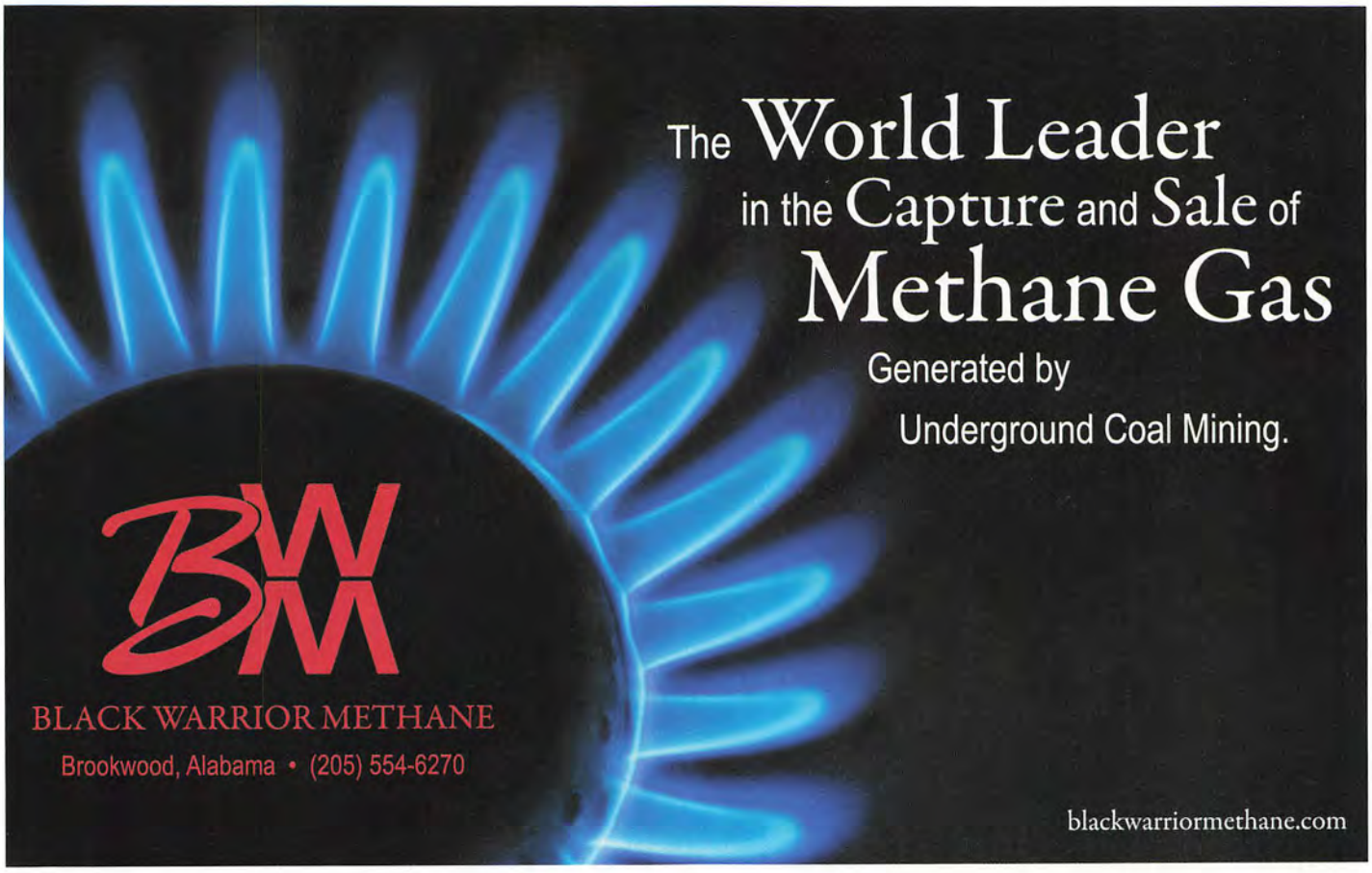
The Alabama and Ole Miss lines begin to collide at the start of play.

COURTNEY DAVIES

Alabama 24, Ole Miss 20

Date: Oct. 18, 2008
Site: Bryant-Denny Stadium, Tuscaloosa
Crowd: 92,138

The Crimson Tide had one of its closest scoring games of the season with Ole Miss, which three weeks earlier upset No. 4-ranked Florida. The Rebels opened up the scoring in the first quarter with a Joshua Shene field goal of 25 yards after a solid drive. On the ensuing possession, the Tide scored a touchdown on a John Parker Wilson pass of 26 yards to Marquis Maze. Mark Ingram scored on a 2-yard touchdown run in the second quarter after an 11-play drive. Leigh Tiffin kicked a field goal of 41 yards, set up by a Justin Woodall interception, and Mike McCoy caught a Wilson pass of 30 yards for another touchdown, this one set up by a Rashad Johnson interception. This put the score at 24 to 3 in favor of the Crimson Tide at halftime. The Rebels came storming back in the second half with 17 unanswered points. The Rebels' first touchdown came on an immaculately executed fake field goal pass of 9 yards. Jevan Snead, the gunslinging Rebel quarterback, threw a 17-yard strike to wide receiver Shay Hodge for a touchdown to put the score at Alabama 24, Ole Miss 17. The Rebels added a field goal late in the fourth quarter but the Crimson Tide managed to hang on for a 24 to 20 victory. Coach Nick Saban summed up the game: "This is obviously a great win for us. The crowd was fantastic. We got a lot of support, especially at end of the game, and I'm not sure it didn't affect momentum as much as anything. We're not just focused on winning, we're focused on how we win."



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Terrence Cody (62) is used as a lead blocker as the Tide moves in for a score.

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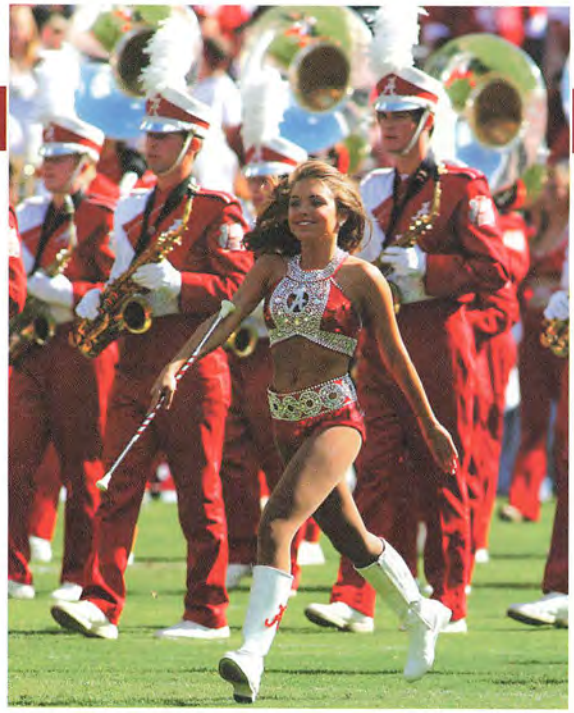
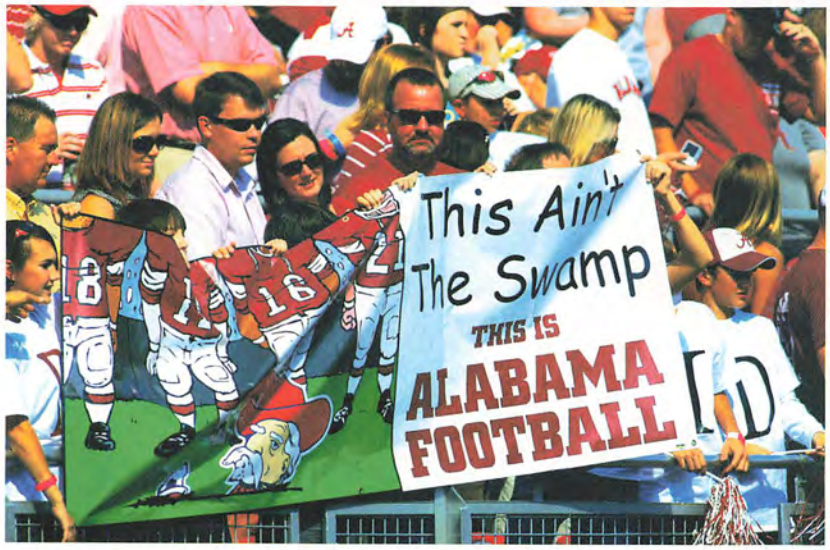
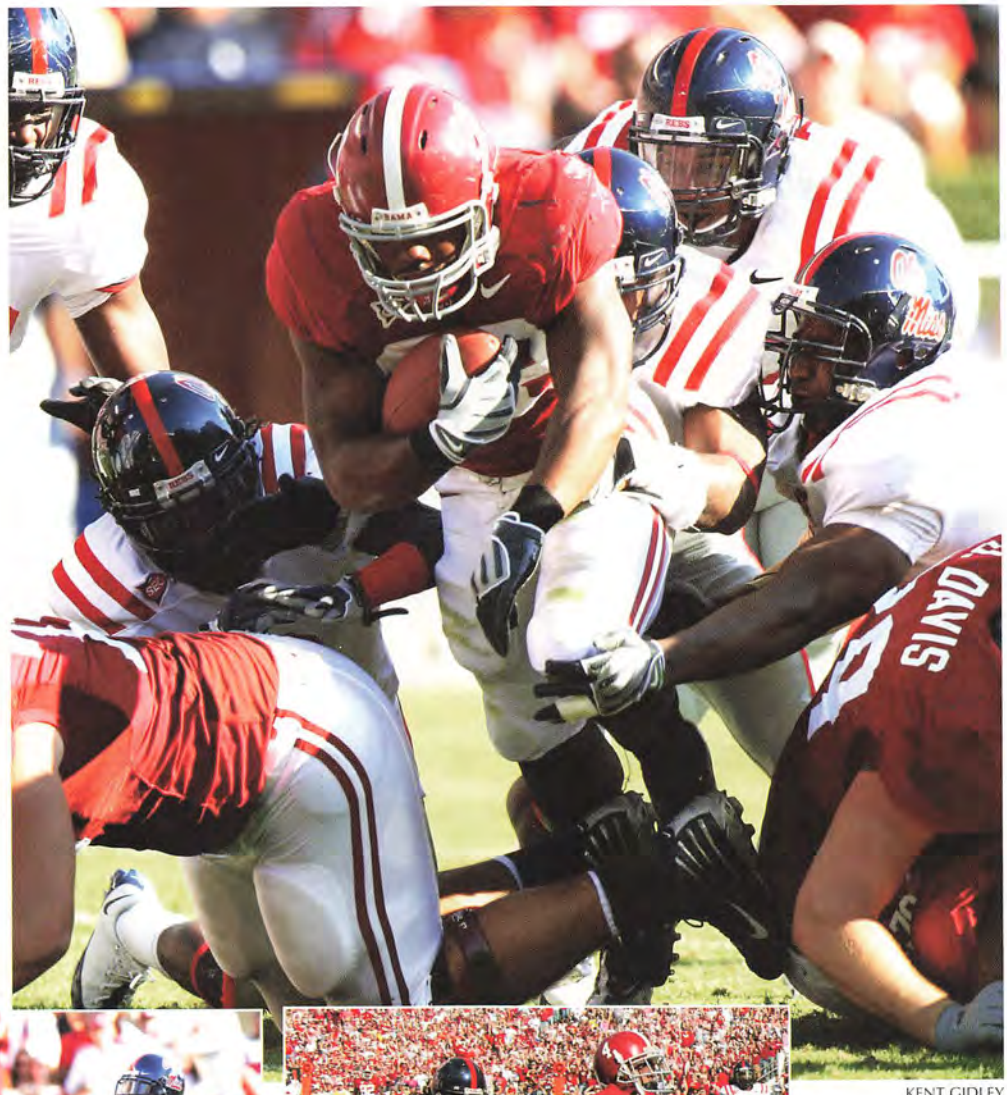


A Crimsonette performs with the University of Alabama's Million Dollar Band.



ALEX GILBERT

Alabama fans send a message to Ole Miss that, unlike the Florida Gators, the Tide won't be defeated in their own stadium.



Running back Mark Ingram splits through a tight hole.

KENT GIDLEY

At far left, tight end Nick Walker stiff arms an Ole Miss defender. At near left, wide receiver Marquis Maze goes in for the score after a long pass from John Parker Wilson.

BOX SCORE

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Mississippi	3	0	7	10	20	Record: (3-4, 1-3)
Alabama	7	17	0	0	24	Record: (7-0, 4-0)

Scoring Summary:

1st 05:25 UM - Joshua Shene 25 yd field goal, 7-72 3:23, UM 3 - UA 0

04:10 UA - Marquis Maze 26 yd pass from John Parker Wilson (Leigh Tiffin kick), 4-73 1:15, UM 3 - UA 7

2nd 06:34 UA - Mark Ingram 2 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 11-60 5:11, UM 3 - UA 14

04:45 UA - Leigh Tiffin 41 yd field goal, 4-8 1:35, UM 3 - UA 17

02:51 UA - Mike McCoy 30 yd pass from John Parker Wilson (Leigh Tiffin kick), 2-31 0:45, UM 3 - UA 24

3rd 10:37 UM - Jason Cook 9 yd pass from Rob Park (Joshua Shene kick), 10-52 4:23, UM 10 - UA 24

4th 09:27 UM - Shay Hodge 17 yd pass from Jevan Snead (Joshua Shene kick), 5-34 1:41, UM 17 - UA 24

06:09 UM - Joshua Shene 35 yd field goal, 7-34 2:01, UM 20 - UA 24

	UM	UA
FIRST DOWNS	**14**	**15**
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	**34-158**	**34-107**
PASSING YDS (NET)	**201**	**219**
Passes Att-Comp-Int	33-17-2	25-16-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	**67-359**	**59-326**
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-9
Punt Returns-Yards	5-23	2-14
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-108	5-121
Interception Returns-Yards	1-11	2-41
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-45.4	7-39.7
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-27	6-55
Possession Time	29:35	30:25
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 14	3 of 11
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 4	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	1-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-16	2-13

RUSHING: Mississippi-Enrique Davis 11-70; D. McCluster 7-28; Brandon Bolden 7-25; Jevan Snead 5-23; Cordera Eason 3-6; M. Summers 1-6. Alabama-Mark Ingram 17-73; Glen Coffee 13-52; Team 2-minus 2; John Parker Wilson 2-minus 16.

PASSING: Mississippi-Jevan Snead 16-31-1-192; Rob Park 1-1-0-9; D. McCluster 0-1-1-0. Alabama-John Parker Wilson 16-25-1-219.

RECEIVING: Mississippi-Shay Hodge 4-64; D. McCluster 3-21; Lionel Breaux 2-55; Mike Wallace 2-24; Jason Cook 2-13; Brandon Bolden 2-10; M. Summers 1-9; Jevan Snead 1-5. Alabama-Nick Walker 5-65; Julio Jones 3-63; Mike McCoy 3-45; Marquis Maze 2-29; Glen Coffee 2-1; Brad Smelley 1-16.

INTERCEPTIONS: Mississippi-Kendrick Lewis 1-11. Alabama-Rashad Johnson 1-29; Justin Woodall 1-12.

FUMBLES: Mississippi-D. McCluster 1-1; Jevan Snead 1-0. Alabama-Glen Coffee 1-1.

Kickoff time: 2:35 pm End of Game: 5:45 pm Total elapsed time: 3:10

Roy Upchurch, the Tide's leading rusher of the day, scores on a 4-yard run. KENT GIDLEY

Alabama 29, Tennessee 9

Date: Oct. 25, 2008
Site: Neyland Stadium, Knoxville
Crowd: 106,138

Alabama, remaining at No. 2, used the same recipe for success — a punishing running game and solid defense it had employed all season to dominate the Volunteers. Leigh Tiffin put the opening points on the board with a 39-yard field goal, but Tennessee was able to match it with a Daniel Lincoln field goal. The Tide answered back with another field goal by Tiffin, putting the first quarter score at 6 to 3 in favor of Alabama. Glen Coffee scored the lone touchdown of the second quarter on a 3-yard run after two consecutive John Parker Wilson passes of 19 and 35 yards to wide receiver Julio Jones. This put the first half score at 13 to 3 with the Crimson Tide on top. In the second half, Tiffin put the first points of the half on the board with a 30-yard field goal. Wilson scored on a quarterback sneak late in the third quarter to give the Crimson Tide a 19-point lead. Roy Upchurch, the leading rusher on the day, with 14 carries for 86 yards, scored on a 4-yard run in the fourth quarter to put the final points on the board for the Crimson Tide. The Volunteers scored on a 10-yard pass from quarterback Nick Stephens to Josh Briscoe in the fourth quarter to make the final score Alabama 29, Tennessee 9. Alabama's Red Zone defense was credited with keeping Tennessee's scoring lower than it might have been. Said defensive back Rashad Johnson: "I think the defense did a really good job. There were times we were put in tough situations and we did a good job of keeping them out of the end zone, especially early in the game. We really stepped up to the challenge and had a pretty good game."

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Defensive back Rashad Johnson tackles Tennessee quarterback Nick Stephens.

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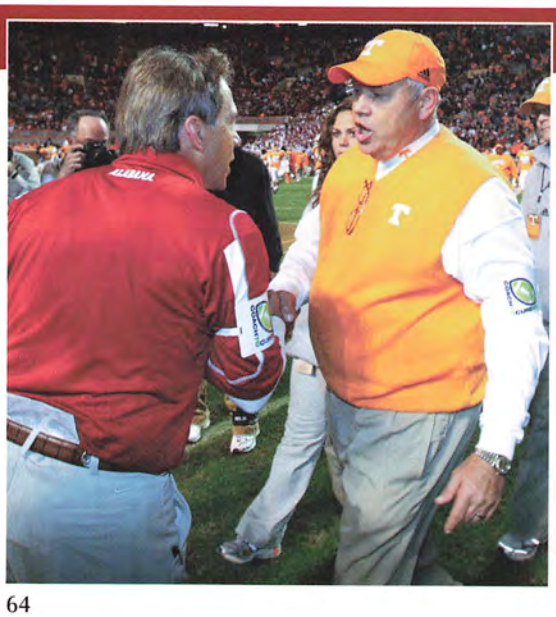

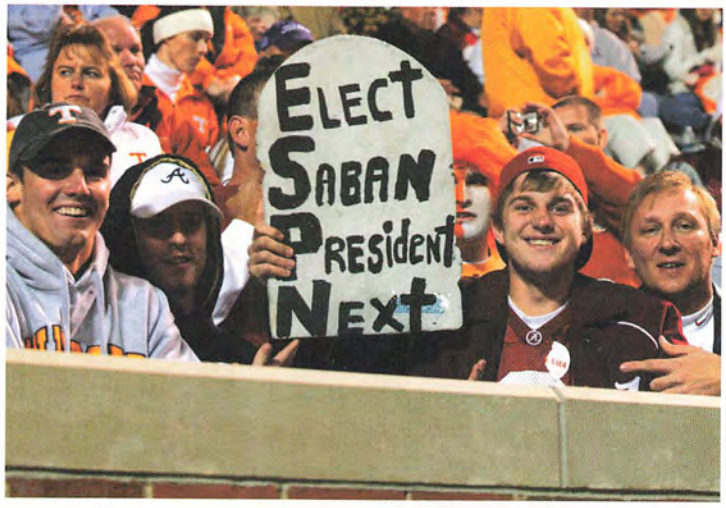

Alabama coach Nick Saban and Tennessee coach Phil Fulmer greet each other after Alabama's win. Several weeks later, Fulmer stepped down from the job he had held for 17 seasons at his alma mater. At near left, Alabama fans show their presidential preference during the political season.

KENT GIDLEY

Terry Grant breaks a tackle as he runs for open ground.

Glen Coffee makes one of his 19 carries of the day.

Defensive back Chris Rogers tackles a Volunteer.

BOX SCORE

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Alabama	6	7	9	7	29	Record: (8-0,5-0)
Tennessee	3	0	0	6	9	Record: (3-5,1-4)

Scoring Summary:

1st 10:18 UA - Leigh Tiffin 39 yd field goal, 11-50 4:42, UA 3 - UT 0
06:28 UT - Daniel Lincoln 31 yd field goal, 4-9 1:34, UA 3 - UT 3
01:37 UA - Leigh Tiffin 43 yd field goal, 5-21 2:00, UA 6 - UT 3
2nd 02:41 UA - Glen Coffee 3 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 6-66 3:03, UA 13 - UT 3
3rd 10:28 UA - Leigh Tiffin 30 yd field goal, 6-20 3:16, UA 16 - UT 3
01:38 UA - John Parker Wilson 1 yd run (John Parker Wilson pass failed), 12-79 6:25, UA 22 - UT 3
4th 09:43 UA - Roy Upchurch 4 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 8-80 4:31, UA 29 - UT 3
07:26 UT - Josh Briscoe 10 yd pass from Nick Stephens (Nick Stephens pass failed), 7-63 2:07, UA 29 - UT 9

	UA	UT
FIRST DOWNS	**23**	**10**
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	**43-178**	**21-36**
PASSING YDS (NET)	**188**	**137**
Passes Att-Comp-Int	24-17-0	28-16-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	**67-366**	**49-173**
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	3-17	1-1
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-50	7-134
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-38.0	7-43.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-35	7-60
Possession Time	35:32	24:28
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 13	3 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 2	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	2-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-16	0-0

RUSHING: Alabama-Roy Upchurch 14-86; Glen Coffee 19-78; Terry Grant 4-11; John Parker Wilson 2-2; Mark Ingram 4-1. Tennessee-Arian Foster 6-21; M. Hardesty 8-12; Lennon Creer 3-7; Nick Stephens 4-minus 4.
PASSING: Alabama-John Parker Wilson 17-24-0-188. Tennessee-Nick Stephens 16-28-0-137.
RECEIVING: Alabama-Julio Jones 6-103; Nick Walker 3-24; Roy Upchurch 2-13; Will Oakley 1-14; Mike McCoy 1-13; Brad Smelley 1-8; Nikita Stover 1-6; Glen Coffee 1-4; Marquis Maze 1-3. Tennessee-Josh Briscoe 4-46; Arian Foster 3-32; Luke Stocker 2-30; Austin Rogers 2-17; Brandon Warren 2-8; Lucas Taylor 1-4; Eric Berry 1-3; Denarius Moore 1-minus 3.
INTERCEPTIONS: Alabama-None. Tennessee-None.
FUMBLES: Alabama-Javier Arenas 1-1. Tennessee-None.
Kickoff time: 7:46 pm End of Game: 10:55 pm Total elapsed time: 3:09

Glen Coffee runs against the Arkansas State defense. Coffee ran for 56 yards for the day. CORY JOHNSON

Alabama 35, Arkansas State 0

Date: Nov. 1, 2008
Site: Bryant-Denny Stadium, Tuscaloosa
Crowd: 92,138

Alabama cruised to a 35 to 0 victory on Homecoming Saturday against the Red Wolves of Arkansas State. The Crimson Tide, still ranked No. 2 in The Associated Press poll, moved the ball well on offense and the defense held the Red Wolves scoreless. Once again Alabama relied on a strong rushing attack to win the game, this time lead by Mark Ingram with 12 carries for 113 yards. Alabama scored its first touchdown of the game on a methodical 16-play, 89-yard drive in 7 minutes, capped by a 9-yard touchdown run by Glen Coffee. In the second quarter, Rashad Johnson intercepted a Corey Leonard pass and returned it for a 32-yard touchdown. It was the Crimson Tide's fourth defensive touchdown of the season. The Crimson Tide shut down the Red Wolves spread offense in the first half and put the first half score at 14 to 0. On the Tide's first possession of the second half , Roy Upchurch scored on a 22-yard run after a quick 4-play drive. Alabama's two final scoring drives of the afternoon were executed by Ingram, with runs of 5 and 17 yards. The Crimson Tide rolled to a relatively easy victory and kept the hope for an undefeated season alive.

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Brad Smelley catches an 11-yard pass against Arkansas State. KENT GIDLEY

SIDELINES

Chi Omega sorority, the horn section of the Million Dollar Band and a stilt walker display their crimson pride during the annual homecoming parade down University Boulevard.

Rashad Johnson returns a 32-yard interception for a touchdown.

CORY JOHNSON

At left, Tyrone King lead blocks for Javier Arenas on a punt return. At right, defensive end Bobby Greenwood tackles Arkansas State quarterback Corey Leonard.

BOX SCORE

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Arkansas State	0	0	0	0	0	Record: (4-4)
Alabama	7	7	14	7	35	Record: (9-0)

Scoring Summary:

1st 04:23 UA - Glen Coffee 9 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 16-89 7:02, ASU 0 - UA 7
2nd 08:54 UA - Rashad Johnson 32 yd interception return (Leigh Tiffin kick), ASU 0 - UA 14
3rd 13:37 UA - Roy Upchurch 22 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 4-70 1:23, ASU 0 - UA 21
02:20 UA - Mark Ingram 5 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 7-48 3:38, ASU 0 - UA 28
4th 04:37 UA - Mark Ingram 17 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 7-45 3:03, ASU 0 - UA 35

	ASU	UA
FIRST DOWNS	**11**	**21**
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	**37-91**	**36-205**
PASSING YDS (NET)	**67**	**152**
Passes Att-Comp-Int	17-8-1	28-15-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	**54-158**	**64-357**
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-5	4-27
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-96	1-13
Interception Returns-Yards	1-23	1-32
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-37.0	3-40.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-73	3-33
Possession Time	31:59	28:01
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 12	8 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 2	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-0	3-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-19	4-26

RUSHING: Arkansas State-Reggie Arnold 15-72; Derek Lawson 6-24; J. Robertson 3-14; Corey Leonard 13-minus 19. Alabama-Mark Ingram 12-113; Glen Coffee 9-56; Roy Upchurch 5-31; John Parker Wilson 8-7; Terry Grant 2-minus 2.
PASSING: Arkansas State-Corey Leonard 8-17-1-67. Alabama-John Parker Wilson 15-28-1-152.
RECEIVING: Arkansas State-Kevin Jones 3-16; J. Mclennan 1-26; T. Clements 1-9; Jeff Blake 1-6; A. Robinson 1-6; Trevor Gillott 1-4. Alabama-Julio Jones 5-62; Mike McCoy 3-26; Marquis Maze 1-24; Brad Smelley 1-11; Darius Hanks 1-10; Glen Coffee 1-9; Travis McCall 1-6; Earl Alexander 1-2; Mark Ingram 1-2.
INTERCEPTIONS: Arkansas State-D. Williams 1-23. Alabama-Rashad Johnson 1-32.
FUMBLES: Arkansas State-Corey Leonard 1-0. Alabama-Javier Arenas 1-0.
Kickoff time: 2:07 p.m End of Game: 4:49 pm Total elapsed time: 2:42

Glen Coffee goes over the top for a touchdown against LSU. Coffee ran for 126 yards on 26 carries. CORY JOHNSON

Alabama 27, LSU 21

Date: Nov. 8, 2008
Site: Tiger Stadium, Baton Rouge
Crowd: 93,039

Rising to No. 1 in the regular season for the first time since 1980, the Crimson Tide needed overtime to finish off the defending national champion LSU Tigers. The victory clinched the SEC West title and guaranteed the Crimson Tide a berth in the SEC championship game. On Alabama's first drive of the game, John Parker Wilson marched the team down the field, only to have wide receiver Earl Alexander fumble on the goal-line to give the No. 15 Tigers possession. But LSU quarterback Jarrett Lee threw his first of four interceptions of the day, and the Crimson Tide turned the turnover into a touchdown on a Wilson run of 1-yard. LSU answered back quickly with 14 points in under 2 minutes with a Demetrius Byrd touchdown reception and a 30-yard run by Charles Scott after a Crimson Tide fumble. At the end of the first quarter the score was 14-7 in favor of the Tigers. In the second quarter, Lee threw another interception, this one to Rashad Johnson, who took it back for a 54-yard touchdown. It was just one of three interceptions Johnson would have for the day. It was the only score of the second quarter, and it put the score at 14-14 at halftime. In the third quarter, Glen Coffee scored on a 3-yard scamper. Coffee finished the game with 126 yards on 26 carries. LSU trailed for the remainder of the second half until a 1-yard Scott touchdown run in the fourth quarter after a long LSU drive, tying the score at 21-21. Alabama had a chance in regulation to win the game after a solid punt return by Javier Arenas. Leigh Tiffin attempted a 29-yard field goal to win the game, but LSU defensive lineman Ricky Jean-Francois blocked it to send the game into overtime. LSU had possession first in overtime but quarterback Lee threw his third interception to Johnson. On the ensuing Alabama possession, Wilson ran for another touchdown of 1 yard to win the game.

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Julio Jones makes one of his seven catches of the day. Jones had 128 yards receiving.

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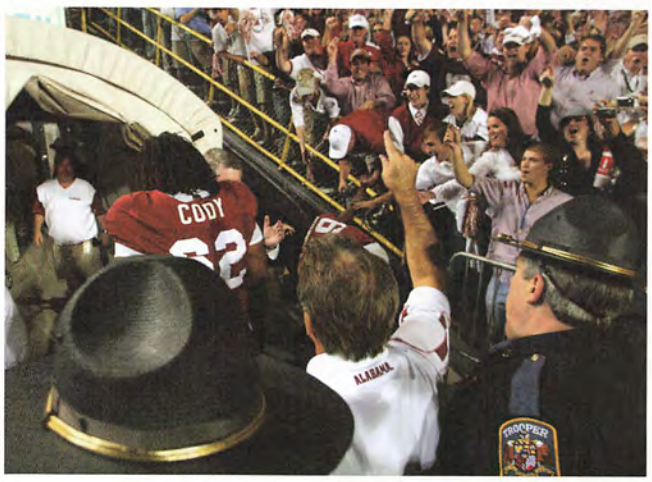
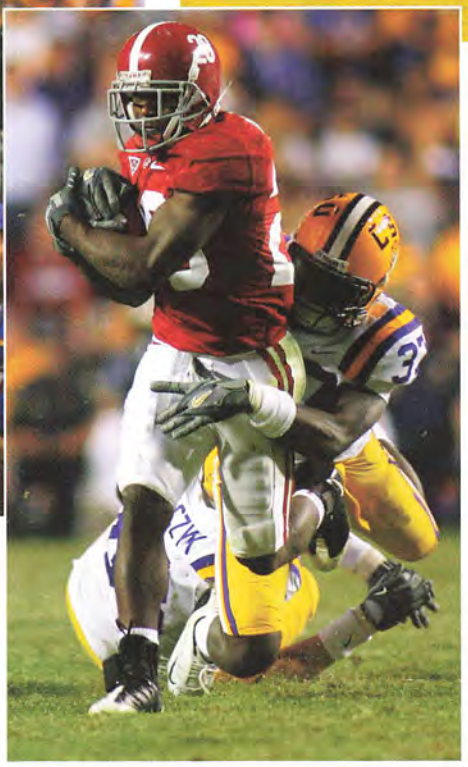


KENT GIDLEY

Terrence Cody and Coach Nick Saban leave Tiger Stadium in triumph. Saban and LSU coach Les Miles shake hands at the end of the game. Miles replaced Saban after Saban left LSU.

KENT GIDLEY

Rashad Johnson makes an interception in overtime. Johnson had three interceptions for the day.



CORY JOHNSON

Javier Arenas returns a punt, left. At right, Rolando McClain tackles LSU running back Charles Scott.

BOX SCORE

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	OT	Score	
Alabama	7	7	7	0	6	27	Record: (10-0,6-0)
LSU	14	0	0	7	0	21	Record: (6-3,3-3)

Scoring Summary:

1st 08:23 UA - John Parker Wilson 1 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 4-15 1:43, UA 7 - LSU 0
06:21 LSU - Demetrius Byrd 30 yd pass from Jarrett Lee (Colt David kick), 6-54 2:06, UA 7 - LSU 7
05:57 LSU - Charles Scott 30 yd run (Colt David kick), 2-30 0:12, UA 7 - LSU 14
2nd 04:33 UA - Rashad Johnson 54 yd interception return (Leigh Tiffin kick), UA 14 - LSU 14
3rd 08:14 UA - Glen Coffee 3 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 7-69 3:12, UA 21 - LSU 14
4th 06:12 LSU - Charles Scott 1 yd run (Colt David kick), 14-74 6:02, UA 21 - LSU 21
OT 15:00 UA - John Parker Wilson 1 yd run, 3-25 0:00, UA 27 - LSU 21

	UA	LSU
FIRST DOWNS	**16**	**17**
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	**37-138**	**46-201**
PASSING YDS (NET)	**215**	**181**
Passes Att-Comp-Int	31-15-1	34-13-4
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	**68-353**	**80-382**
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	3-23	2-25
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-79	4-86
Interception Returns-Yards	4-76	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-42.1	8-40.1
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	2-24	5-32
Possession Time	26:40	33:20
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 13	5 of 19
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-4	1-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-3	0-0

RUSHING: Alabama-Glen Coffee 26-126; John Parker Wilson 5-7; Mark Ingram 5-6; Team 1-minus 1. LSU-Charles Scott 24-92; Ke. Williams 13-88; Tr. Holliday 2-9; Richard Murphy 2-8; Quinn Johnson 4-7; Jarrett Lee 1-minus 3.

PASSING: Alabama-John Parker Wilson 15-31-1-215. LSU-Jarrett Lee 13-34-4-181.

RECEIVING: Alabama-Julio Jones 7-128; Glen Coffee 2-19; Travis McCall 2-14; Mike McCoy 2-10; Earl Alexander 1-26; Nick Walker 1-18. LSU-Brandon LaFell 4-74; Demetrius Byrd 4-51; T. Toliver 3-34; Richard Dickson 1-22; Ke. Williams 1-0.

INTERCEPTIONS: Alabama-Rashad Johnson 3-64; Rolando McClain 1-12. LSU-Pa. Peterson 1-0.

FUMBLES: Alabama-Earl Alexander 1-1; Mark Ingram 1-0; Javier Arenas 1-1. LSU-None.

Kickoff time: 2:35pm End of Game: 6:24 pm
Total elapsed time: 3:49

P.J. Fitzgerald holds as Leigh Tiffin kicks one of his three field goals for the day.

CORY JOHNSON

Alabama 32, Mississippi State 7

Date: Nov. 15, 2008
Site: Bryant-Denny Stadium, Tuscaloosa
Crowd: 92,138

Alabama was led by its special teams as the Crimson Tide looked to avenge the previous two season defeats at the hands of Mississippi State, coached by former Tide player and Tuscaloosa native Sylvester Croom. On the Bulldogs' first drive of the game, Kareem Jackson blocked a punt in the end zone for a safety. Leigh Tiffin added a field goal in the first quarter to make the score 5 to 0. Mississippi State struck first in the second quarter with a Tyson Lee pass to Jamayel Smith of 31 yards. The Crimson Tide answered back with a 1-yard run by John Parker Wilson after a spectacular punt return of 46 yards by Javier Arenas. The Tide led 12 to 7 at halftime. In the third quarter Arenas struck again, this time with an 80-yard punt return for a touchdown. It was the spark the Tide needed to take the game out of reach for the Bulldogs. Tiffin added two more field goals of 34 and 35 yards. Alabama scored one more touchdown on a Mark Ingram run of 1 yard in the fourth quarter after long receptions by both Julio Jones and Brad Smelley. The Tide ran for 198 yards on the day and the defense shut down a less then stagnant Mississippi State offense. The Tide, still ranked No. 1, looked forward to its off week before taking on the Tigers from Auburn in the Iron Bowl.

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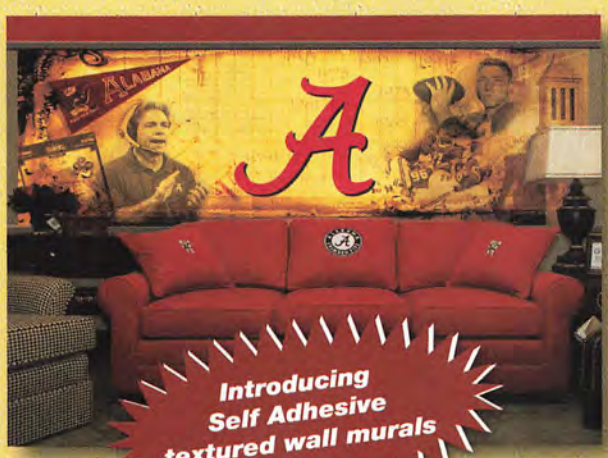

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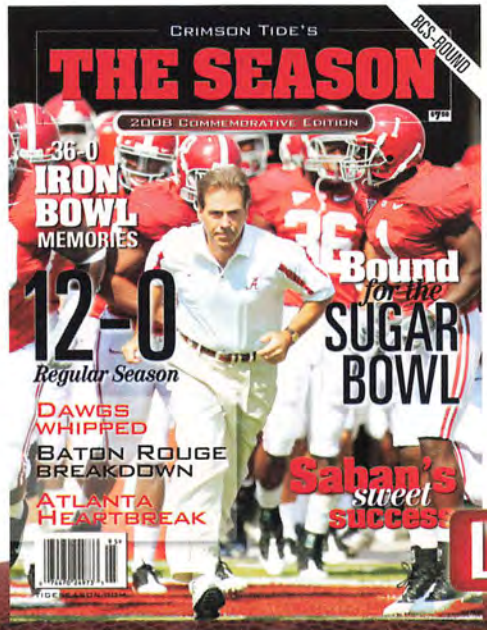

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Kareem Jackson (3) and Brandon Fanney (98) tackle an MSU ball carrier. The Tide defense held the Bulldogs to 167 yards total.

CORY JOHNSON

SIDELINES

KENT GIDLEY

Saban addresses team members before they run out to the field.

CORY JOHNSON

A fan dressed as a superhero cheers the Tide on.

CORY JOHNSON

Mark Ingram leaps over offensive lineman Drew Davis. Ingram ran the ball 13 times for 78 yards.

ALEX GILBERT

Rolando McClain chases down MSU quarterback Tyson Lee. Kareem Jackson, right, blocks a punt on MSU's first possession.

BOX SCORE

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Mississippi State	0	7	0	0	7	Record: (3-7,1-5)
Alabama	5	7	10	10	32	Record: (11-0,7-0)

Scoring Summary:

1st 10:03 UA - Team safety, MSU 0 - UA 2

01:43 UA - Leigh Tiffin 35 yd field goal, 9-35 4:39, MSU 0 - UA 5

2nd 10:19 MSU - Jamayel Smith 31 yd pass from Tyson Lee (Adam Carlson kick), 7-78 3:43, MSU 7 - UA 5

04:47 UA - John Parker Wilson 1 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 2-2 0:42, MSU 7 - UA 12

3rd 12:14 UA - Javier Arenas 80 yd punt return (Leigh Tiffin kick), MSU 7 - UA 19

03:51 UA - Leigh Tiffin 34 yd field goal, 8-35 3:23, MSU 7 - UA 22

4th 11:14 UA - Leigh Tiffin 35 yd field goal, 12-71 6:21, MSU 7 - UA 25

07:58 UA - Mark Ingram 1 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 3-72 0:58, MSU 7 - UA 32

	MSU	UA
FIRST DOWNS	**9**	**17**
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	**22-35**	**48-198**
PASSING YDS (NET)	**132**	**166**
Passes Att-Comp-Int	28-11-0	19-12-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	**50-167**	**67-364**
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-1	7-161
Kickoff Returns-Yards	7-153	2-29
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	10-37.4	5-43.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	5-25	5-52
Possession Time	24:27	35:33
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 12	6 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-0	5-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-10	2-12

RUSHING: Mississippi State-Anthony Dixon 11-26; Wesley Carroll 1-7; Tyson Lee 6-5; Arceto Clark 1-0; Christian Ducre 1-0; A Stallworth 2-minus 3. Alabama-Mark Ingram 13-78; Glen Coffee 17-71; Jeramie Griffin 5-27; John Parker Wilson 11-19; Demetrius Goode 2-3.

PASSING: Mississippi State-Tyson Lee 11-28-0-132. Alabama-John Parker Wilson 10-17-0-148; Greg McElroy 2-2-0-18.

RECEIVING: Mississippi State-Anthony Dixon 4-32; Jamayel Smith 2-46; Brandon McRae 2-15; A Stallworth 1-32; Aubrey Bell 1-7; Arceto Clark 1-0. Alabama-Julio Jones 3-53; Brad Smelley 2-46; Darius Hanks 2-24; Travis McCall 1-12; Glen Coffee 1-11; Jeramie Griffin 1-9; Nick Walker 1-6; Mark Ingram 1-5.

INTERCEPTIONS: Mississippi State-None. Alabama-None.

FUMBLES: Mississippi State-Tyson Lee 1-1; Derek Pegues 1-0. Alabama-John Parker Wilson 2-0.

Kickoff time: 6:47 PM End of Game: 9:50 PM Total elapsed time: 3:03

KENT GIDLEY

Dont'a Hightower (30) helps upend Auburn's ball carrier. The Tide defense shut down the Auburn running game, holding the Tigers to 57 yards.

Alabama 36, Auburn 0

Date: Nov. 29, 2008
Site: Bryant-Denny Stadium, Tuscaloosa
Crowd: 92,138

The Crimson Tide shut the Auburn Tigers down in coach Nick Saban's second-ever Iron Bowl. Alabama, also defeating the Tigers for the first time in Tuscaloosa, dominated from start to finish. The game itself started slowly as both defenses showed their muscle with punts being traded on the first three possessions. Leigh Tiffin kicked a 37-yard field goal as time expired in the first quarter to give the Tide a 3 to 0 lead. On the Tide's first possession of the second quarter, Glen Coffee broke a spectacular 41-yard run to the right for a touchdown. Coffee ran for 144 yards on 20 carries on the night. The Tide defense shut down a morbid Auburn offense in the first half, putting the score midway through the game at 10 to 0. Alabama's offense exploded in the second half with a spectacular catch by wide receiver Nikita Stover after Kareem Jackson forced a fumble by AU running back Brad Lester. Mark Ingram scored on two runs in the third quarter, one of 1 yard and the other for 14 yards. Ingram finished with 15 carries for 64 yards. Alabama opened up a big lead, and in the fourth quarter the starting offense was taken off the field. The crowd cheered as each offensive lineman was taken off the field on consecutive plays. Backup quarterback Greg McElroy threw a touchdown pass to Marquis Maze late in the fourth quarter to put the final score at Alabama 36, Auburn 0. The Alabama offense rolled up the numbers against the Tigers with more than 400 yards of total offense. The defense kept the Tigers to under 200 total yards. This victory kept the Tide's dream of a perfect season in the SEC alive.

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Javier Arenas tackles Auburn wide receiver Mario Fanin.

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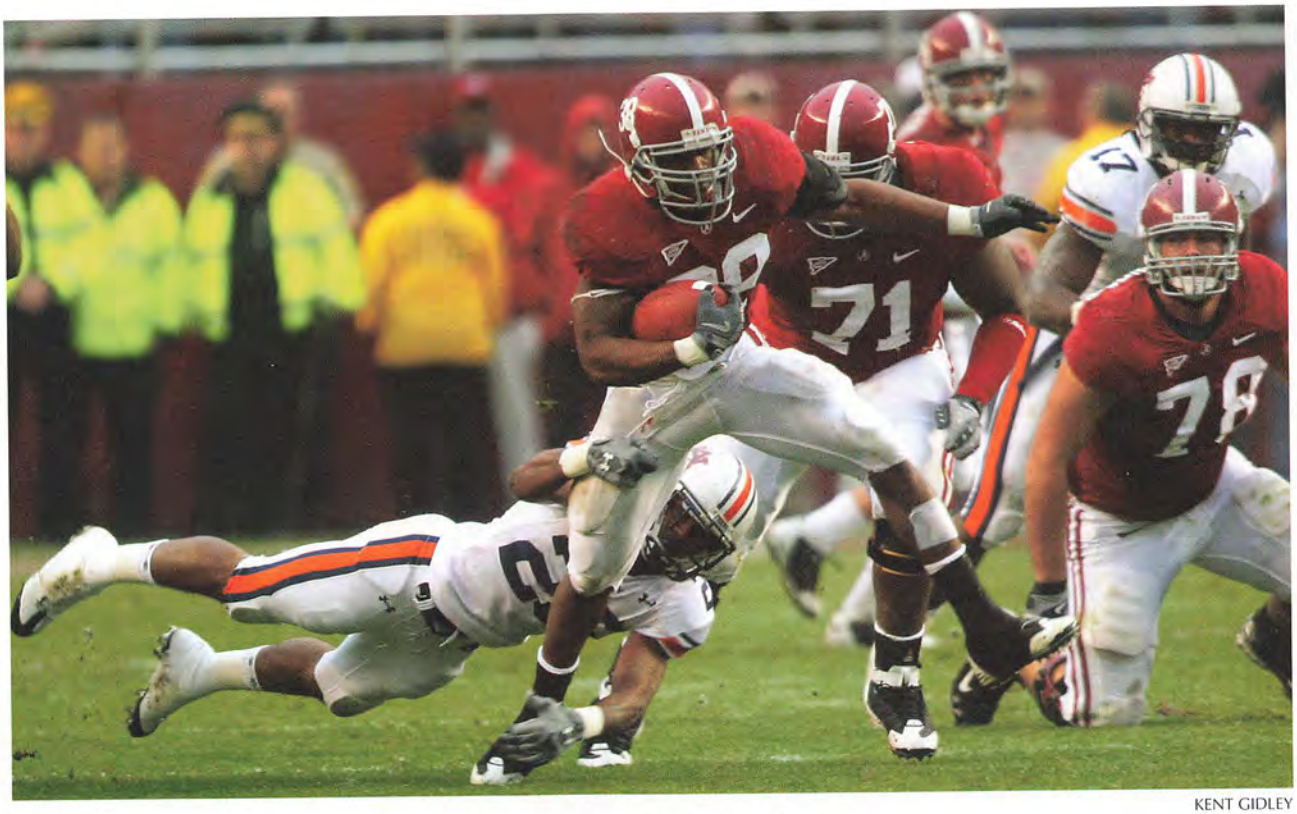
SIDELINES

A fan waves to players during a pre-game ceremony. Bryant-Denny Stadium was packed for the Iron Bowl.

Saban and Auburn coach Tommy Tubervile talk before the game. Several days after the game, Tuberville stepped down from his coaching job.



KENT GIDLEY

Glen Coffee breaks a tackle as he runs past the Tiger defense. Coffee ran for 144 yards.

At far left, Ali Sharrief makes the most of his playing time by breaking up a pass. At near left, Greg McElroy, a likely candidate to replace senior quarterback John Parker Wilson, looks for a receiver down field. McElroy threw a touchdown pass in the game.

BOX SCORE

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Auburn	0	0	0	0	0	Record: (5-7, 2-6)
Alabama	3	7	19	7	36	Record: (12-0, 8-0)

Scoring Summary:

1st 00:00 UA - Leigh Tiffin 37 yd field goal, 15-76 7:36, AU 0 - UA 3

2nd 10:28 UA - Glen Coffee 41 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 4-65 1:38, AU 0 - UA 10

3rd 13:15 UA - Nikita Stover 39 yd pass from John Parker Wilson (Leigh Tiffin kick blocked), 1-39 0:12, AU 0 - UA 16

07:35 UA - Mark Ingram 1 yd run (John Parker Wilson pass failed), 8-45 4:20, AU 0 - UA 22

02:10 UA - Mark Ingram 14 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 7-50 3:38, AU 0 - UA 29

4th 02:49 UA - Marquis Maze 34 yd pass from Greg McElroy (Leigh Tiffin kick), 5-53 2:51, AU 0 - UA 36

	AU	UA
FIRST DOWNS	**8**	**21**
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	**30-57**	**50-234**
PASSING YDS (NET)	**113**	**178**
Passes Att-Comp-Int	23-9-0	18-10-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	**53-170**	**68-412**
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-19	2-20
Kickoff Returns-Yards	7-122	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	9-42.6	5-33.4
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-45	1-4
Possession Time	24:23	35:37
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 14	6 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	2 of 3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-0	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-3	2-20

RUSHING: Auburn-Mario Fannin 8-28; Ben Tate 4-12; Brad Lester 6-11; Kodi Burns 12-6. Alabama-Glen Coffee 20-144; Mark Ingram 15-64; Roy Upchurch 2-15; Terry Grant 7-11; Jeramie Griffin 1-2; John Parker Wilson 4-0; Team 1-minus 2.

PASSING: Auburn-Kodi Burns 9-23-0-113. Alabama-John Parker Wilson 8-16-0-134; Greg McElroy 2-2-0-44.

RECEIVING: Auburn-Mario Fannin 3-44; R. Smith 2-39; Robert Dunn 1-10; Montez Billings 1-9; Gabe McKenzie 1-6; Derek Winter 1-5. Alabama-Julio Jones 3-36; Nikita Stover 1-39; Marquis Maze 1-34; Mark Ingram 1-27; Darius Hanks 1-17; Brad Smelley 1-10; Travis McCall 1-9; Nick Walker 1-6.

INTERCEPTIONS: Auburn-None. Alabama-None.

FUMBLES: Auburn-Mario Fannin 1-1; Brad Lester 1-1; Kodi Burns 1-1. Alabama-John Parker Wilson 1-0.

Kickoff time: 2:47 PM End of Game: 5:57 PM Total elapsed time: 3:10

Fans attending the Iron Bowl greet Tide players as they approach Bryant-Denny Stadium on the Walk of Champions.

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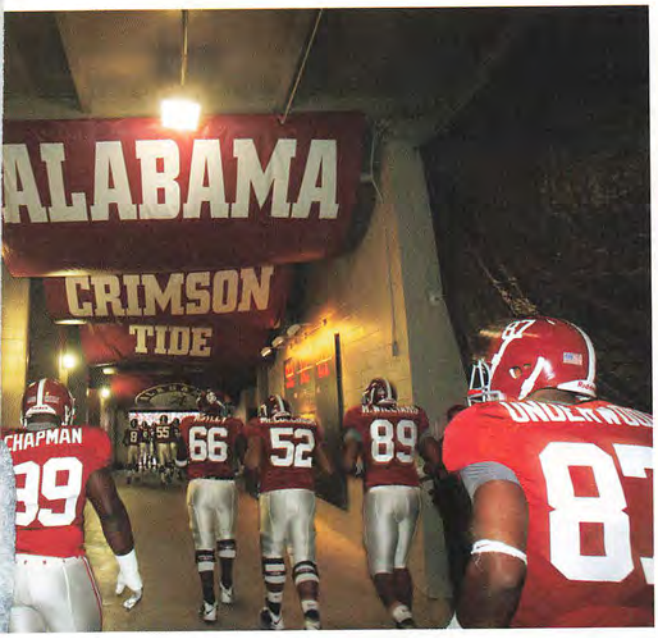
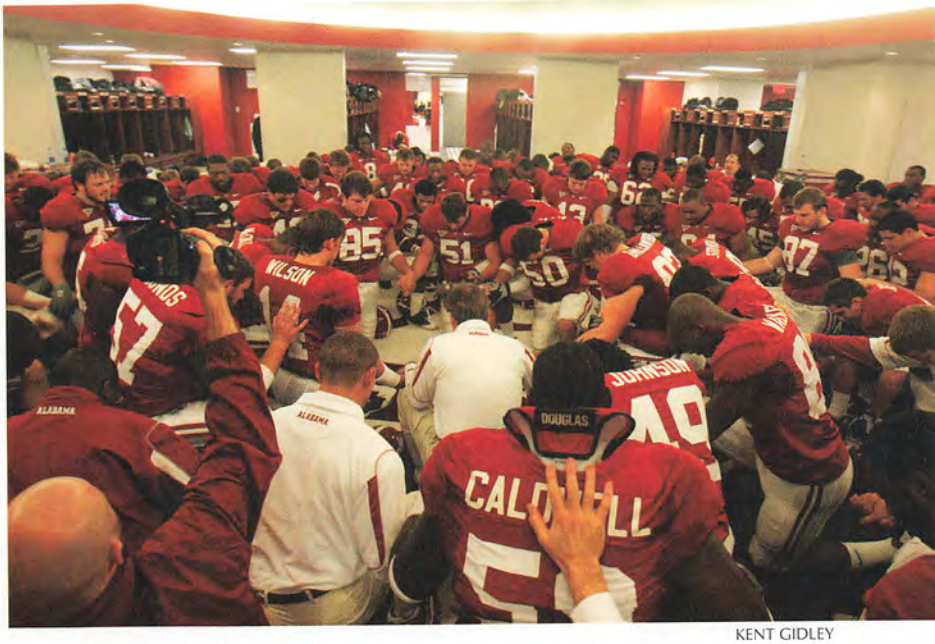
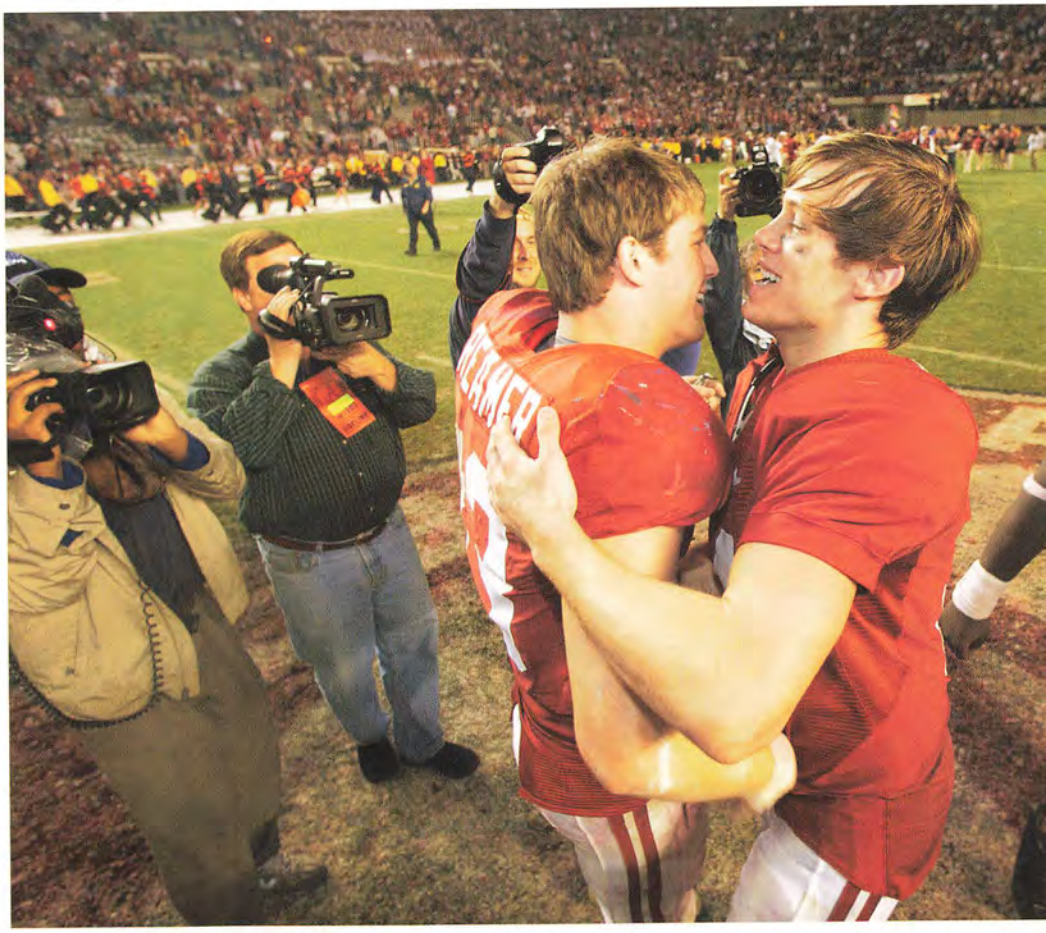




KENT GIDLEY

At right, the team prays in the locker room before the Iron Bowl. At left, team members walk through the tunnel toward the field.

Coach Nick Saban walks around the field to greet fans after the Tide's victory over Auburn.



Cory Reamer, left, and John Parker Wilson congratulate each other after the team's victory over Auburn in the Iron Bowl.

Sara Evans, wife of former Tide quarterback Jay Barker, sings the National Anthem pregame.

Josh Chapman pulls down UF quarterback Tim Tebow for a loss on the play. KENT GIDLEY

Florida 31, Alabama 20

Date: Dec. 6, 2008
Site: Georgia Dome, Atlanta
Crowd: 75,892

The SEC championship battle between No. 1 Alabama and No. 2 Florida ended with the Gators on top. The Gators, led by Heisman-trophy-winning quarterback Tim Tebow, scored on their first possession of the game as they drove the ball down the heart of the Alabama defense, with Tebow throwing a touchdown pass to wide receiver Carl Moore for 3 yards. Alabama answered back with a big play by Julio Jones on the Tide's next possession. Jones caught a ball over the middle and ran after the catch for a total of 64 yards. Glen Coffee took the ensuing handoff 18 yards for a touchdown to tie the score at 7. Leigh Tiffin added a field goal for the Tide in the first quarter. The Gators scored another touchdown in the first half on another Tebow touchdown pass. Gator kicker Johnathan Phillips kicked a field goal to put the halftime score at 17 to 10 in favor of the Gators. The Tide offense took over in the third quarter, running the ball to control the clock and keep the ball out of the Gators' hands. Mark Ingram scored on a 91-yard run after a 15-play drive that ran the clock down. Tiffin also kicked a field goal in the third quarter to give the tide a 20 to 17 lead at the end of it. The fourth quarter was all Florida as the team managed to control the ball for nearly 10 minutes. Special teams miscues hurt the Tide as Javier Arenas stepped out of bounds on a kick-off return inside the 5-yard line. Alabama punted and the Gators scored with a short bullet pass from Tebow to Riley Cooper. Alabama failed to score on its next possession and was forced to punt. The Gators controlled the ball again and put a field goal on the board. On the Crimson Tide's final possession, John Parker Wilson threw an interception. Said Coach Nick Saban: "You know, we didn't get the result that we hoped for today. I'm very, very proud of the way our guys competed in the game and the way they've played all year. We kind of ran out of gas in the fourth quarter a little bit in what was a very tough, physical game."

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Julio Jones breaks a Janoris Jenkins tackle. Both players are freshmen.

KENT GIDLEY

SIDELINES

The Tide practices in the Georgia Dome the day before the game, left. The Crimsonettes and a fan, center and right, cheer the Tide on.

CORY JOHNSON

Dont'a Hightower pressures Florida quarterback Tim Tebow, who threw three touchdown passes for the day.

KENT GIDLEY

Glen Coffee breaks a tackle against a speedy UF defense.

CORY JOHNSON

John Parker Wilson eludes UF defenders.

BOX SCORE

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Alabama	10	0	10	0	20	Record: (12-1, 8-0)
Florida	7	10	0	14	31	Record: (12-1, 7-1)

Scoring Summary:

1st 08:17 UF - C. Moore 3 yd pass from T. Tebow (J. Phillips kick), 9-59 4:28, UA 0 - UF 7
07:23 UA - Glen Coffee 18 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 2-82 0:54, UA 7 - UF 7
03:28 UA - Leigh Tiffin 30 yd field goal, 5-12 2:15, UA 10 - UF 7
2nd 08:59 UF - J. Phillips 19 yd field goal, 8-67 3:51, UA 10 - UF 10
02:59 UF - D. Nelson 5 yd pass from T. Tebow (J. Phillips kick), 9-57 4:20, UA 10 - UF 17
3rd 06:20 UA - Mark Ingram 2 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 15-91 6:53, UA 17 - UF 17
00:08 UA - Leigh Tiffin 27 yd field goal, 10-65 3:40, UA 20 - UF 17
4th 09:21 UF - J. Demps 1 yd run (J. Phillips kick), 11-62 5:47, UA 20 - UF 24
02:50 UF - R. Cooper 5 yd pass from T. Tebow (J. Phillips kick), 8-65 4:37, UA 20 - UF 31

	UA	UF
FIRST DOWNS	**18**	**19**
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	**33-136**	**42-142**
PASSING YDS (NET)	**187**	**216**
Passes Att-Comp-Int	25-12-1	22-14-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	**58-323**	**64-358**
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-20	3-25
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-95	5-121
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-24
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-41.0	3-47.7
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	2-31	6-45
Possession Time	27:56	32:04
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 12	7 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	5-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-2	1-11

RUSHING: Alabama-Glen Coffee 21-112; Mark Ingram 8-21; John Parker Wilson 3-2; P.J. Fitzgerald 1-1. Florida-T. Tebow 17-57; J. Demps 14-53; E. Moody 4-23; B. James 3-7; L. Murphy 1-4; C. Rainey 1-1; TEAM 2-minus 3.
PASSING: Alabama-John Parker Wilson 12-25-1-187. Florida-T. Tebow 14-22-0-216.
RECEIVING: Alabama-Julio Jones 5-124; Nick Walker 3-37; Darius Hanks 3-19; Glen Coffee 1-7. Florida-L. Murphy 4-86; A. Hernandez 3-43; D. Nelson 3-27; R. Cooper 2-56; C. Moore 1-3; K. Moore 1-1.
INTERCEPTIONS: Alabama-None. Florida-J. Haden 1-24.
FUMBLES: Alabama-None. Florida-None.
Kickoff time: 4:13 pm End of Game: 7:26 pm
Total elapsed time: 3:13

Alabama vs. Utah

TOM SMART

Utah's R.J. Rice and Alona Key attempt to block during a game in September against Weber State University.

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No. 4 Alabama vs. No. 6 Utah
Date: Jan. 2, 2009
Kickoff: 7:17 p.m.
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The last time Alabama played in the Sugar Bowl the Crimson Tide thumped Miami 34-13 to win the national championship. There will be no championships on the line in January, but the Tide will face a stern test from an undefeated Utah squad.

Led by Coach Kyle Whittingham, the Utah Utes went 12-0 this year to win the Mountain West Conference, beating such teams as Michigan, Oregon State and BYU along the way. The Utes have enjoyed consistent success in recent years, an upward movement begun by former coach Urban Meyer, who left after the 2004 season to take the job at Florida.

Utah has claimed at least a share of the MWC title four of the 10 years the conference has been in existence and three of the last six years.

The Utes potent weapon is senior quarterback Brian Johnson, who has thrown for more than 2,600 yards this season with 24 touchdowns and nine interceptions.

Alabama has an illustrious history in the Sugar Bowl. The team has played there 12 times, winning eight of those games, and was the national champion five years in which it played in the Superdome. The team practically lived in New Orleans in the postseason under Coach Paul W. "Bear" Bryant, playing in the Sugar Bowl five times during a seven-year span in the 1970s.

The eight wins by the Tide in the Sugar Bowl is the most in the bowl's 74-year history. Ole Miss has the next most wins with five.

This will be the first meeting between the Crimson Tide and the Utes in the schools' histories. The two teams will provide the next highest matchup in the BCS besides the national championship game between No. 1 Oklahoma and No. 2 Florida. Alabama is ranked fourth in the bowl championship standings while Utah is sixth in the BCS. **RT**

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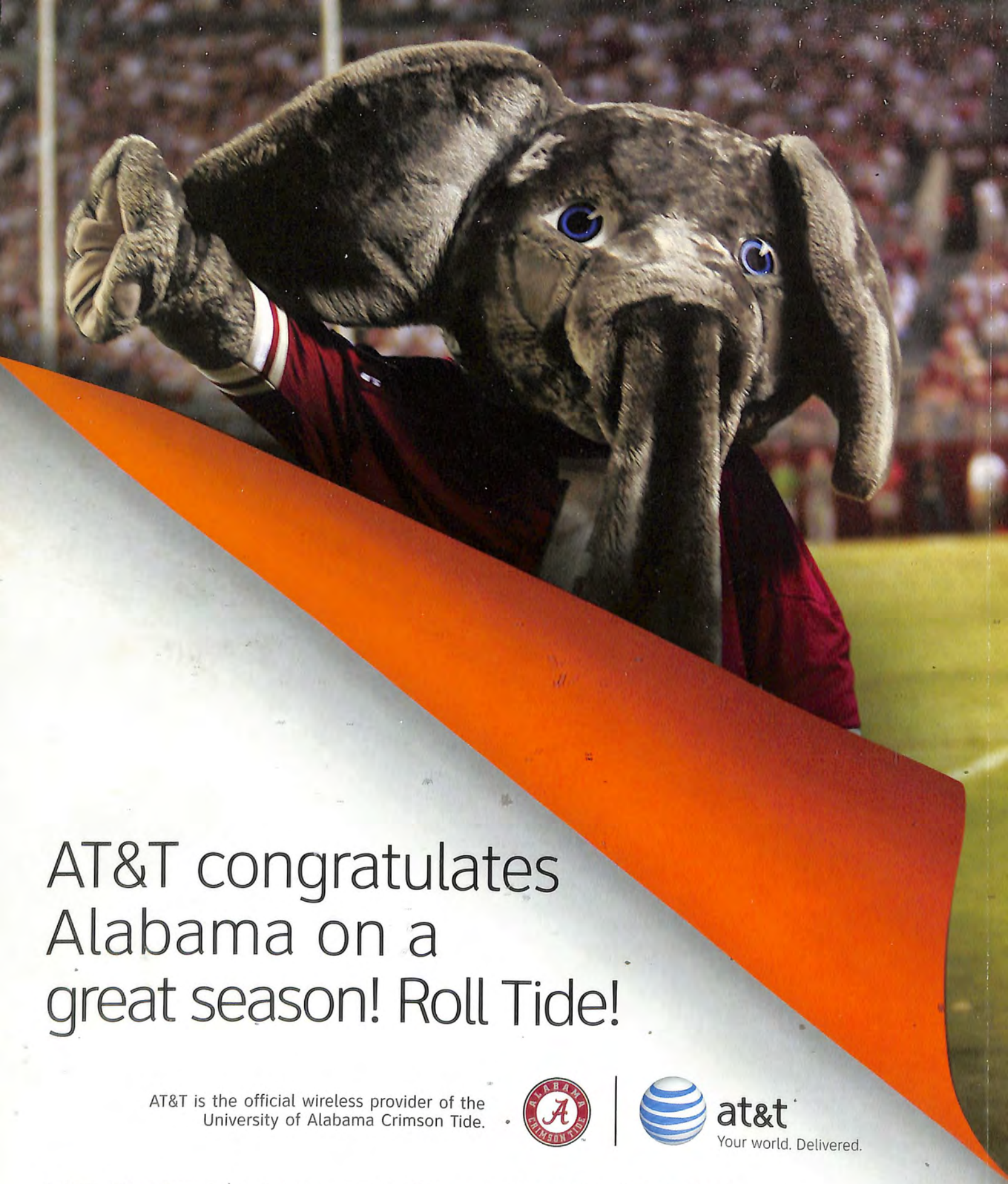

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